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Seeking options for Fourth Fun

Is there an alternative for Fun on the Fourth without fireworks?

By JAYNE W. MILLER
News Editor

WILMINGTON / TEWKSBURY - To quote Monty Python, Fun on the Fourth is "not dead yet."

The cancellation of fireworks in town, though, is no

laughing matter. With two dozen non-profit organizations that depend on the week-long celebration for fundraising, the loss of the fireworks and the carnival made cancelling the event in 2014 an obvious choice for the Fourth of July

Committee.

Community groups in both Wilmington and Tewksbury, along with town officials, have been meeting to try to find a way to celebrate Independence Day. Another meeting next week with Town Manager Jeff Hull

aims to find a way to make it happen, but the Fourth of July Committee sees few alternate options.

Last year the Board of Appeals voted down the carnival, which greatly dimin-

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Sandra Curtin of WCTV was collecting donations for the Wilmington Food Pantry and iPods for Wounded Veterans on Saturday at Market Basket. Niharika and Ayesha Ghosh bought the last 2 Beannie Babies on sale for the cause.

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Josephine Morningstar of Wilmington with her service dog, a Great Pyrenees, named Sinatra.

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Saving Sinatra

Service dog's heart condition prompts generosity

By JON BISHOP
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON—Josephine Morningstar needs help. Her dog, Sinatra, a ten-year-old Great Pyrenees, has congestive heart failure, and

Morningstar, due to financial constraints, is unable to pay for his medication. It costs about \$150 to \$200 per month.

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WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILMINGTON, MA 01887 EARLY CHILDHOOD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children entering the Wilmington Public Schools, either Kindergarten or First Grade, must register during

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8:30 - 10:30 and 12:15 - 2:15

If your child reaches age five (5) on or before August 31, 2014 he/she should register for Kindergarten at this time.

If your child reaches age six (6) on or before August 31, 2014 he/she should register for First Grade at this time, if not already attending a Wilmington Public School Kindergarten program.

In accordance with School Committee policy, no child will be registered to enter first grade if he/she has not turned six (6) prior to August 31, 2014 even if they have completed a kindergarten program elsewhere.

The following items must be presented at the time of registration:

• I. Original birth certificate with official seal

• II. Proof of Residency (one of the following items)

- a. Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
- b. Fully signed and executed Lease and/or Rental Agreement (Must be executed by both parties)
- c. Notarized Landlord/Owner of Property Affidavit (please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Residency Statement/Affidavit")
- d. Fully signed and executed Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement (provided occupancy date occurs within 30 days of enrollment)
- e. Section 8 Agreement

• III. Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)

- a. Gas/Oil Bill, Electric Bill, Home (not cell) Telephone Bill, Cable Bill, Water Bill (Note: Bill must be dated within the past 45 days and address and name must be stated)
- b. Recent bill (other than that stated above dated within the past 45 days showing Wilmington address and name. However, a Residency Statement/Affidavit is REQUIRED with this option. Please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used)
- c. Occupancy Statement/Affidavit must be notarized if a bill can not be provided prior to student's enrollment (please refer to district's website www.wilmington.k12.ma.us and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Occupancy Statement/Affidavit")

• IV Proof of Identity (one of the following items)

- a. Valid MA Driver's License
- b. Valid MA Photo ID Card
- c. Valid Passport
- d. Other Government issued Photo ID

NOTE: Parents registering children for Kindergarten will also register at this time for the Early Childhood Kindergarten/Preschool screening. This screening will be conducted in April, further information will be provided at the time of registration. Also, screening is available to three (3) and four (4) year olds whose parents believe that their child has a reasonable likelihood of having any disabilities. Parents of three (3) and four (4) year olds wishing to have their child screened may also schedule an appointment during the above dates at the Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers.

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Wilmington School Committee members Margaret Kane (Chairwoman) and Kathleen Carroll (Vice-Chairwoman) present Joseph Maselli with an award for winning first place in the Massachusetts Municipal Association essay contest.

Bruce Hilliard Photo

Raising PARCC Concerns

School Committee wary of funding, lack of transparency

By JON BISHOP
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON—MJ Byrnes, a member of the Wilmington School Committee, said at the board's meeting Wednesday that she recently helped organize a meeting on the Common Core and its PARCC testing, and she didn't like what she found.

"I'm very suspect of the whole lack of transparency of this whole process," she said.

One of the biggest issues is funding. Right

now, there is no guarantee that federal funding will be available, and this could hurt districts, she said.

Technology is a related concern. Districts will be required to spend \$75,000 to \$100,000—or more—to provide the appropriate upgrades.

She said that the state has not given districts the tools to help in the transition from MCAS to PARCC.

Byrnes said she was also worried about

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Bringing books home

Library offers new service to bring books to homebound patrons

By SHARON ADELMAN CROWLEY
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON - If you are interested in joining a community service project, look into the Homebound Delivery Service Program of the Wilmington Memorial Library and Friends of the Library.

Homebound Delivery Service is a program

in which volunteers from Friends of the Library deliver materials to the homes of patrons unable to visit the library. Any Wilmington resident who is permanently or temporarily unable to leave his or her home due to disability or illness is eligible for the service.

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Schools seek modest budget increase

3 percent for technology, capital improvements

By JON BISHOP
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Superintendent Joanne Benton last Wednesday introduced her proposed 2014-2015 budget. It will total \$34,805,343, which is a \$1,176,993 increase from FY 2014, or a little over 3 percent.

The district capital requests, which include a Special education van, a wheelchair van, an MS PC replacement, and elementary projectors, come in at \$259,975.

Benton said that the budget increases are due to staff requests, new technology at the high school, and additional teachers.

They're going to make 9.95 full-time appointments in

2015.

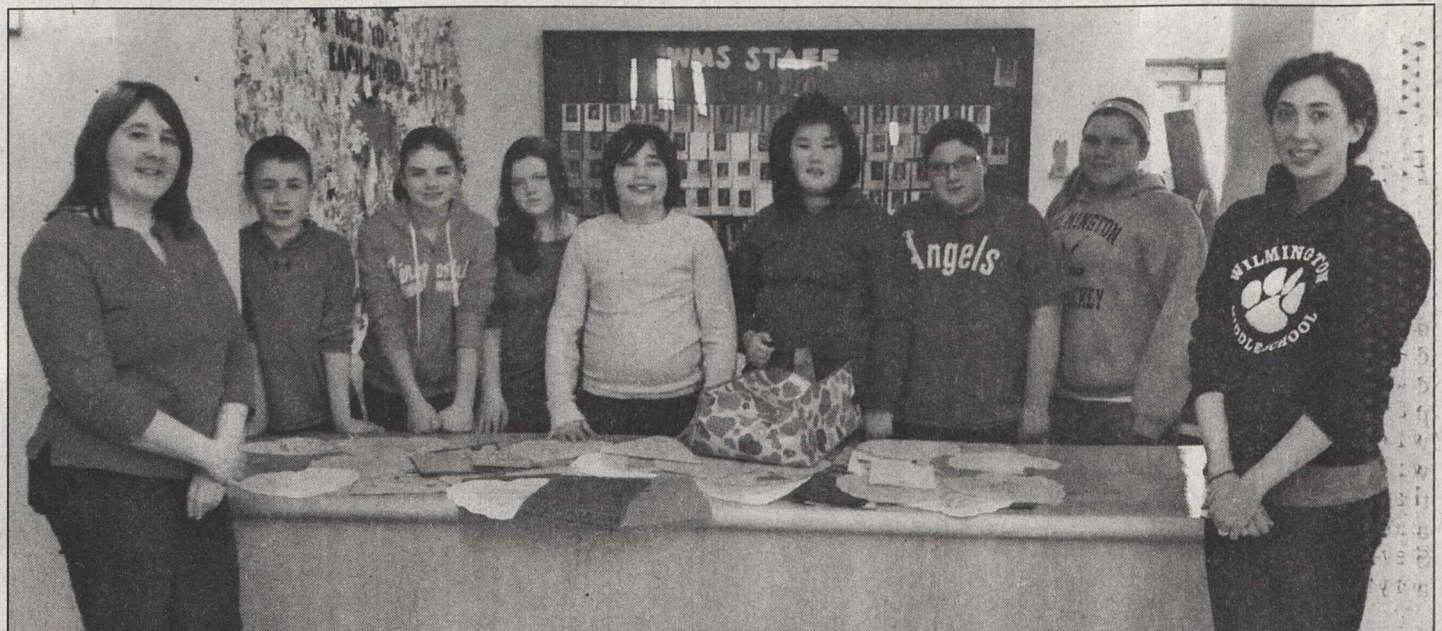
Some of the original 2015 capital requests will appear next year, Benton said.

She praised Wilmington and its devotion to schools, calling it "second to none."

"I compliment the town of Wilmington in supporting the schools," she said.

In a handout, she stated the budget goal as such: "Continuing to support 21st century learning initiatives throughout the district must continue to be a priority with the FY '15 budget. We must continue to define what constitutes a 21st century education and provide teachers with the tools they need to accomplish this."

The School Committee unanimously approved both the operational budget and the capital requests.



Wilmington Middle School students made Valentine Cards for the residents of the Wilmington Health Care Center. Representing the class rooms who participated in the community outreach program are from L-R: Kristin Smith, Will Lawson, Allyson Buckley, Leah Nelson, Gavin Curtis, Stella Zhong, Coleman Kelly, Delaney Diaz and Kristin Spinoso.

Photo by Maureen Brady | www.shootingstarspix.com

Special Delivery

Custom Valentines from students to seniors

By SHARON ADELMAN CROWLEY
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON - Kristin Spinoso, a Special Education Teacher at Wilmington Middle School, wanted to make this Valentine's Day a memorable experience for her students.

"Middle school is an awkward time for kids about to become teenagers. There's really no easy way to handle Valentine's Day in middle school," said Spinoso, whose students are in grades 6-8. "I wanted our students to recognize Valentine's Day, but through an act of kindness rather than 'Who will I send a card to in class?'"

This way, she said, the event would be a positive one and no one would feel excluded if they did not receive a valentine.

"It doesn't feel good to be excluded," she said. "If you make one valentine, you have to make one for everyone. We didn't want students to feel they had to."

"The idea for Valentine's for Seniors was created to continue with the promotion of kindness in our school community at WMS and the goal of sharing this kindness with the community of Wilmington," said Interim Assistant Principal Maura T. Kilbride. "We were

thrilled to have the student involvement in this act of kindness on any day, including Valentine's Day. The generosity of spirit displayed by all of the students and teachers involved support our WMS Middle School Core values: Responsibility, Citizenship and Confidence."

While thinking of organizations to turn to, Spinoso remembered a coworker's mother lives at the Wilmington Health Care Center. "She always talks of her mom and how wonderful the place is," Spinoso said of her Educational Assistant, Ellen Hitchins.

Through Hitchins, Spinoso connected with Wilmington Health Care Center's Program Director, Halley Diaz, who coordinated the effort. Spinoso was provided with the first names (only) of 120 seniors, with the idea that personalized valentines would make each resident feel extra special.

Next, Spinoso brought supplies to school for her students and created a few sample valentines. "I rediscovered the doily and brought a bunch of those, construction paper, stickers, new markers, and colored pencils," she said. She felt brand new supplies would make the event special to her students.

One class from each grade was asked

to participate, in addition to her own class. "All the teachers said their students had a great time," Spinoso said. "It was a cool way to spread the love."

Before delivering the valentines, Spinoso carefully reviewed each one. "They were really, really good," she said.

Some students went above and beyond; some had personal touches about happiness, some personalized their valentines with sentiments like "this valentine is just for you", and some included poems.

"You don't expect middle school students to think in that way. It was really refreshing to see how much effort they put into it. They thought really hard before they went to work. I was impressed."

Spinoso delivered a total of 170 valentines to the Wilmington Health Care Center. In addition to the 120 that were personalized for residents, an additional 50 were made to ensure no one was excluded.

"Halley was so thankful," she said. The Program Director's daughter also attends Wilmington Middle School as a 7th grader, and later that evening, along with a few friends, she delivered the handmade valentines to each resident.

Two Wilmington students make St. Michael's College Dean's List


The following local residents were named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts and sciences, residential Catholic college located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the top 10 college towns in America:

Ian P. Conway, son of Margaret and Patrick Conway of Wilmington, a Senior Philosophy major, who graduated from Wilmington High School before coming to Saint

Michael's.

John H. Keating, son of Karen and Keith Keating of Wilmington, a Sophomore Psychology major, who graduated from Bishop Fenwick High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of a semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the Dean's List.



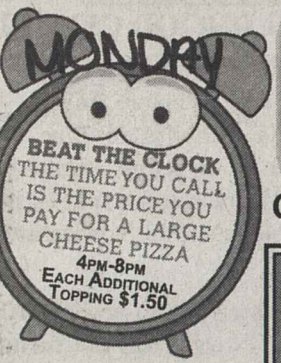
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Sam Perry made the model for the first Gillette razor

By LARZ F. NEILSON
Editor Emeritus

WILMINGTON - Let's say you were to invent something, You think of it, you can even draw it, but can you make it?

Today, you'd go to your computer, or work with someone on a computer. But what if this was a hundred or so years ago?

One of the first steps in creating a product would be to make a wooden model. To do this, you would work with a pattern maker, maybe some like Sam Perry. Sam went to work for the Phillips Pattern Works in Boston.

One invention that he worked on was the original Gillette razor, patented in 1904 by King Gillette. Before the razor was put into production as a metal instrument, there was a model of it made of wood. The Gillette razor was the first razor to use a disposable blade.

Sam was an exquisite woodworker. He learned his trade from one of the Hamlens, who lived in the Krey house on Andover Street. Sam also made a miniature car, one that steered with a tiller. It was used as a centerpiece at a convention for automobile executives. Sam's boss received \$500 for that car, but Sam said his pay was a whole lot less.

Sam Perry came from Winchester, born about 1881. His father was Franklin Perry, a partner in the Perry & Cutler tannery in



WHAT'S 30 INCHES OF SNOW?

Sam Perry, of High Street, 87 years old, always plows out a driveway or two for his neighbors, after each snow storm with his McCormick Farmall tractor with a home-made plow, and he didn't let the thirty inches of Monday and Tuesday keep him from his accustomed task.

(1969 Town Crier file photo)

North Wilmington. Sam's mother died when he was young. His father hired a housekeeper, a widow from Kansas named

Harriman. She had a son named Caleb.

Eventually, Franklin Perry married Mrs. Harriman. Caleb Harriman studied at the

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and in 1895 and graduated as a pharmacist.

Franklin Perry's untimely death in 1903 brought the two young men, Sam Perry and Caleb Harriman, to a time of decision. Sam decided he did not want the tannery. So Caleb took it over, and it became the C.S. Harriman & Son Tannery.

The tannery was the primary industry in Wilmington at the time, employing about

60 men. It was located opposite the Whitefield School. It closed in 1953 after new residents of the

area complained about the smell.

Sam married Anna Littlefield, and they built a bungalow on High Street in North Wilmington, on land purchased from the William Henry Carter estate. The house was set back from the road, and in front, Sam always kept a large garden. He eventually bought a McCormick Farmall tractor to plow the garden.

He built a snowplow for his tractor and would plow several driveways for his neighbors. His property shared a driveway with that of a neighbor.

Sam also made furniture. He made a three-legged tilt-top card table with a star inlay which he gave to one of his neighbors. It is a beautiful piece.

Mrs. Perry was an invalid for a long time, and she died in the early 1960s. Sam kept on going, plowing his garden, plowing driveways.

Shortly after his 87th birthday in 1968, he went to a neighbor's house for a party. Leaving that party, he fell. He insisted he was okay, and went home with some help. But two days later, he consented to going to the hospital where it was found that he had broken his hip.

But Sam was not about to give up the ship. A year later, he was plowing snow again, making the rounds on his old tractor. After he recovered from the broken hip, neighbors would hear him splitting firewood, swinging a sledge hammer at age 90.

In his final years, neighbor Jo O'Neil would care for him. He died in 1976 at age 95. Mrs. O'Neil inherited the house, and she rented it to Buzz Stapczynski when he became assistant town manager. It was later sold and torn down, and three houses now occupy the property.

Advertisement It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

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The general answer is "Don't." You're cutting into your retirement assets; the amount borrowed is not appreciating with the rest of your account; and if you leave the job without paying it back, it becomes a withdrawal, with taxes and maybe a penalty due on the amount.

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Painting at the Wilmington Arts Center

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Arts Council announces the continuation of our new acrylic painting class. Many artists have changed over to acrylic painting from oils and watercolor. Acrylic paint is water soluble, dries faster than oils and watercolor, and can be over-painted. Steve Greco, a professional acrylic painter, will be

teaching the two and a half hour class at the Wilmington Arts Center on Monday mornings - from 9:30 to 12 noon. The arts center has lots of room, and a wonderful blend of artificial and natural lighting. The cost of each class is \$15, payable monthly. For more information and to sign up, call Jean Chang at 978 886-9224.

“WCTV Cable Radio” program

New class on basic studio operations

WILMINGTON - Students will learn how to operate the radio studio set up in the WCTV facility.

This class is the first in a series of training sessions which will train local residents how to do their own internet radio programs.

The basic studio operations class will be held twice:

•Wednesday, February 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

•Thursday, February 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

These classes are offered to WCTV members. WCTV membership is open to residents of Wilmington and a year-long individual membership is only \$15.

For more information, contact WCTV Operations Manager Bill Robert at brobert@wctv.org.

Wilmington “Good Guy” nominations

It's that time of year again! Who do you who's “Good”?

WILMINGTON - Do you know this year's Good Guy? Tell us about this most deserving person! The “Good Guy” Committee is looking for a special person in our community to honor as this year's “Good Guy” recipient.

The 46th annual event is designed to honor that person - male or female - who goes beyond the normal call of duty to make our community a better place in which to live.

A person's work performed as an elected official or through a paid employment position is not eligible for this award.

If you know of someone who deserves this award, please let us know. When you submit your nomination, please let the Committee know the reasons why you feel this individual should be honored.

Send your nominations to: The “Good Guy” Committee, c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harold

Olympic gold for art?

Wait...what?

By CATHERINE FRANCIS
Special to the Town Crier

In 2014, the Olympics are held at Sochi, Russia. For the United States of America, 230 athletes compete in magnificent events. However, what about everyone else? What about the brilliant architect or the speechless musician? Could they ever compete in the Olympics?

Once upon a time, artists did compete in the games. From 1912 to 1948, the arts were represented in Olympic competition. There were five different sections of art to be judged on - architecture, literature, music, painting, and sculpture - for artwork inspired by sports.

Pierre de Coubertin, Founder of the International Olympic Committee in 1894, said that the Olympic art competitions were meant, “to reunite in the bonds of legitimate wedlock a long divorced couple - Muscle and Mind.”

In 1912 the new art competition began with much difficulty. For one, there were only 35 contestants. In 1928, around 1,000 people entered, but entrants dwindled over the next two decades.

Constant rule changes every time the Olympics changed places contributed to the waning popularity of art events. Even Jillian Steinhauer, writer for

Hyperallergic, was confused; “Architecture became architecture and town planning, while sculpture turned into statues and medals/reliefs, then further subdivided into statues, medals, and reliefs. Painting has the

they finally were given a medal, it was through questioning eyes.

Pierre de Coubertin entered the first art competition with a poem called, “Ode to Sport,” and won the gold medal. Jan Wils won in 1928 for archi-

Ode to Sport

Oh, sports
Entertainment of gods
Power of life
You come down promptly
Into the opening of the gray woods
The toiling masses become excited
You are like a buoyant envoy
Nodding and smiling to elders.
You are dawn appearing above the peak
Shining in the dark ground

by Baron de Coubertin - 1912



Baron Pierre de Coubertin

most absurd history, as it became drawings, graphic arts, and paintings, until it became paintings, prints, and watercolors/drawings, followed by prints changing back to graphic art, and then an entirely new overhaul to applied arts and crafts, engravings/etchings, and oils/watercolors. Got that?”

No Jillian, no I do not.

And to top it all off, initially winning artists were not given a medal. When

tectural design. Both of these men were generally considered fathers of the Olympics.

Every boy and girl wishes to be a gold medalist at some point in his or her life. Including the arts may make that dream attainable for more people. Maybe in the future, we will realize how the importance of the arts - in the Olympics and throughout society.

Alyssa Bradley receives honor from Rivier University

NASHUA, NH - Alyssa Bradley of Tewksbury was named to the Dean's List with a gpa of 3.9 for the fall 2013 semester at Rivier University in Nashua, New Hampshire. Students named to the Dean's list each semester must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 and must be a full-time student.

Alyssa is the daughter of Keith and AnnMarie Bradley of Tewksbury. She is a 2009 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School. Alyssa is majoring in Nursing.

Founded in 1933 by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, Rivier University is a Catholic institution recognized for distinctive academic programs, offering many of the region's leading programs at the undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels. With Nashua as our home and the world as our classroom, the Rivier experience ensures that students develop leadership skills as well as an aware-

ness and appreciation of England and around the diverse cultures in New world.



Mary Leard helped WCTV collect food donations in Market Basket on Saturday morning when Gail Page was doing her shopping. WCTV was also collecting donations for Ipods for Wounded Vets. Photo by Maureen Brady | www.shootingstarspix.com

Shawsheen Tech honors Tewksbury Student

BILLERICA - Daniel Sawicki and Mikayla Quinlan were recently named January's Seniors of the Month at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School in Billerica.

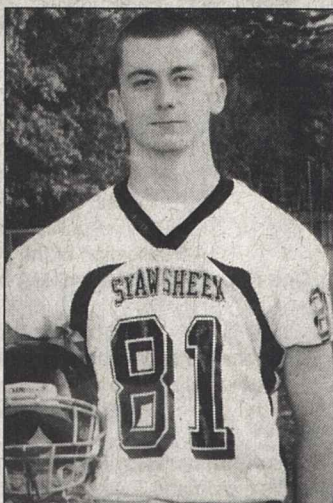
Quinlan, of Billerica, is a culinary student at Shawsheen and ranked within the top 10 of her class academically.

She is a well-rounded member of the student body with a variety of activities and interests.

In school, she's a member of the science club, is a competitor in SkillsUSA and participates in the school's cooperative education programs.

She's been recognized for her success in the classroom. She's been on the high honor roll for the past two years and is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Outside of the school, Quinlan has volunteered at



Ellen School of Dance.

When she isn't hitting the books, Quinlan enjoys cooking, baking and dancing.

She plans to attend a four-year college in the fall.

Sawicki, a Tewksbury resident, is one of the top plumbing students in the school and is one of the top student athletes in his class.

Athletically, he's been on the Ram spring track team

since his freshman year and he's also played both football and basketball. All three programs have enjoyed success with Sawicki on their roster.

Academically, Sawicki has been a consistent performer as well. He's been an honor-roll student since his freshman year and is a member of the National Honor Society. He also received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

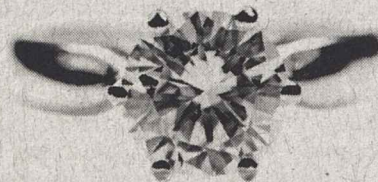
Sawicki has also spent plenty of time helping others.

He tutors other students in Spanish and has also volunteered at the Shawsheen football team's car wash throughout his high school career.

Outside of school, Sawicki enjoys the water activities such as fishing and kayaking.

This fall, Sawicki plans to attend a four-year college.

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OPINION



From: The Editor's Desk

by Jayne W. Miller

The Olympic Spirit

I always love watching the Olympics. I remember watching them as a teenager with friends, and being from Maine, I always liked the Winter games best. We always see amazing feats, athletes that surprise themselves (both good and bad), emotional backstories, and all the cultural goodies. This Olympics, though overshadowed by shoddy construction, Bob Costas' eye infection, and a heckuva lot of stray dogs, is no exception.

Bode Miller's blowouts earlier in the competition were nothing compared to his Bronze medal performance in the Super G Sunday and his emotional response to (too many) questions about his performance in light of the loss of his brother earlier this year.

Saturday morning I came home from an unbelievable (read: totally kicked my backside) workout, having left during the USA-RUSSIA hockey game. Still going on, the game went into the shootout and my family was riveted on each shot. The game felt like it had the fate of the free world on the line (yes, sometimes I miss the Cold War - especially the movies, Rocky IV anyone?).

T.J. Oshie was amazing, looking at the bench to see if he should shoot again, and the entire country (well, two countries) hanging off his and teammate goaltender Jonathan Quick's every move. It was epic. I especially loved the shots of the soldiers watching the game overseas. If the US plays Russia again, every bar will be packed at 9 am nationwide.

The ice dancing pair of Meryl Davis and Charlie White was just outstanding. Their backstory, with their dedicated moms and seventeen-year history, just shows that good relationships (romantic or not) can last with care and feeding. Melrose local Steve Langton, brakeman on the two-man bronze-winning bobsled team, winning Team USA's first medal in the sport in 62 years on their BMW sled was a treat for icy gravity-fed sports.

I've watched the matryoshka doll segments, the stray-dog segments, and completely love the Russian Police Choir singing Daft Punk's *Get Lucky*. I hope Wilmington and Tewksbury bring their big singing talent out this summer and show the Russians how it's done.

Sure there are so many moments. Luge, that 40-year old gold medal biathlete, Shaun White, again with the stray dogs, Jimmy Fallon and the pennies (ok, that last one was near the Olympics). I'm no sports expert, but I certainly appreciate the achievement of sport and the cooperation that springs out of competition.

Winning with honor, losing with dignity, giving it (whatever IT is) your best effort, leaving it all out there (on the ice, the field, the campaign trail, the job), and knowing that you did your best. Is there any lesson better than that?



A local Daisy troop attended the Father-Daughter dance before Valentine's Day at the Tewksbury Country Club. Back row (l to r): Madisyn, Charolette, Anya, Savanna. Front row (l to r): Katie, Abby, Jayden, Darianna, and Sophia.



Polar Bearers

By DAN MARGARITA

Global Warming, my a**...

Okay, I do believe in climate change. The wackiness and extremeness of storms of the past few years do seem to indicate that at least *something* weird is going on with the weather. There seems to be measurable evidence that there's a change.

Whether (hey, what do you know? My first pun of the column!) it's a natural occurrence, manmade or caused by a mad, evil villain hiding inside a mountain controlling the weather with a machine somewhere, something strange is happening.

Oh, and I'm sick of it.

The extreme nature of this weather is even enough for it to have it's own page on Wikipedia: "2014 North American cold wave."

No, don't look it up just yet. It's a lot of boring, technical stuff, so I'll give you the Cliff Notes version of it. Well, more like the "Dan Notes" version of it.

Pressure differences in the Jet Stream strengthened it and caused it to go further south than normal. Sadly, we are part of that further south.

"Locations throughout the U.S. and Canada experienced record cold temperatures (since 1870, when data began to be collected by the U.S. Weather Bureau)," says Wikipedia.

Yes, the U.S. Weather Bureau has been keeping records since Ulysses S. Grant was president.

Wikipedia also says that much of the U.S. Midwest and most of Canada had temperatures that were colder than both the North and South Poles. It's hard to conceive that one would ever say, "Hey, let's go to the North or South Pole for some warmth!"

If this had historically been the case, Santa Claus never would've needed a reason to hire Rudolph. Poor Rudolph merely would've just continued to be a shunned outcast and freak. Mostly a freak.

On January 6, 2014, Babbitt, Minnesota was the coldest place in the country at -37 °Fahrenheit. I say we should schedule the next Super Bowl there.

Oh, as for Fahrenheit and why the freezing point is 32 and not zero as the more logical Celsius system is, well

that's an even more boring and dry topic to go into, so you'll just have to look that one up yourself.

On January 7, New York City broke a 116 year old record with a temperature of 4 °Fahrenheit after several days of 50 degree temperatures. Do you remember trying to figure out what clothes changes you would need for *that* day?

There is one upside to this extreme cold, however. The low temperatures have caused a high mortality rate of the emerald ash borer. Oh, yeah...I wouldn't lie about that. This is a species of beetle that has been destroying ash trees in North America, endangering Major League Baseball's supply of Louisville Sluggers.

While I've talked about the extreme cold we have experienced, let's talk about warm weather. Oh, *please* let's talk about warm weather.

You do remember what warm weather is, don't you?

We experienced a bit of that a while back. According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, 9 of the 10 hottest years on record since the Grant Administration have been in the 21st century. I know, it doesn't really feel like that right now. Then again, what does the NOAA know?

One phrase that most of us had never heard of prior to this winter is, "polar vortex." Apparently, this was described as early as 1853 by...uh...Frank Vortex. Sorry, even the Internet has its limitations.

According to the website wunderground.com the polar vortex is a constant phenomenon of nature that is located where anything with the word "polar" is supposed to be located.

This time a large piece of the vortex broke off and went much further south, as you can see in the animation to the left (oops, I wasn't supposed to copy and paste that part of the article).

If it's this bad with just a *piece* of the vortex hitting us, can you imagine how bad if the *whole* vortex had hit us?

A polar vortex is not always a cold thing, however. The polar vortex on Saturn is the only known hot polar vortex in the solar system.

I think it's time to go on Travelocity to see how much flights to Saturn are currently going for.

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Obamacare doesn't fit Massachusetts

Dear Editor,

Is Massachusetts better off under Obamacare than it was under our own healthcare system? Absolutely not. Yet because of politics we are stuck clinging to a federal law that is clearly dismantling a healthcare program that was already working in Massachusetts.

Obamacare might very well be good for some states in the U.S., but it is not good for Massachusetts. We had 98% of people covered with dependable and affordable insurance. There were certainly issues, but over the last eight years the Commonwealth has worked hard to cover its people. Now we're stuck with a one-size-fits-all plan that doesn't take into account the Bay State's unique role as a healthcare innovator.

Obamacare's implementation has been an absolute disaster here. Just last week a healthcare official admit-

ted that at least 50,000 people who applied for health insurance haven't had their applications entered into the database yet. These people are living in a twilight zone where they don't even know if they have much-needed health insurance. Can you imagine being seriously ill while sitting in limbo with your insurance company?

The good news is there is a bipartisan consensus on how to fix this issue: Exempt Massachusetts from Obamacare. The Democrat-controlled State Legislature voted to do just this last year. Now Congressional candidate Richard Tisei is advocating for the same thing. I hope our elected representatives in Washington, D.C. listen up and do the right thing for Massachusetts.

Sincerely,
Andrea Lowney
Wilmington, MA

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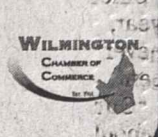
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Bruce Hilliard Photo

Lamplighters Drama Guild to compete in One Act Festival

Public invited to free preview, Thursday, Feb 26, 7pm

WILMINGTON - The Massachusetts High School Festival is the METG's premier event. The festival includes 115 one-act plays produced by member high schools.

The competition is organized on three levels - preliminary, semi-final and state. Student excellence in acting

and technical design is recognized at each level, including the selection of an All-Star Company at the finals.

Two schools chosen at the State Festival represent Massachusetts in the New England Drama Festival, the regional showcase of secondary school theatre.

This year the Lamplighters will perform: Misalliance - A Cutting of Act II by George Bernard Shaw.

Wilmington will travel to Attleboro High School on Saturday March 1st, where Eight High Schools will have 40 minutes to perform their play in the hopes of becoming one of Three Schools

Yentile - What Do You Want To See?

Public Design Workshop Rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27, 7PM

WILMINGTON - The Yentile Farm Development Committee has announced the make-up date for the postponed Public Design Workshop. The workshop will take place on Thursday, February 27, 7PM at the Wilmington High School Cafeteria. The workshop is expected to last an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be served.

There will be a brief presentation about the property, its layout, and the challenges and opportunities on site. Participants will break out into groups and develop their own recreational facility layout using a map of the property and templates of various types of activities. The types of activities, from multi-purpose fields to pic-

nic pavilions, reflect those identified through the community survey. Each group will have to make decisions about what should be included on the site given limited space. The ideas and information gathered from the workshop will inform the concept design.

This is the first in a series of workshops that will take place throughout the concept and schematic design process.

For additional information about the public design workshop contact 978-658-3311 or email ydc@wilmingtonma.gov.

Two Wilmington students make St. Michael's College Dean's List

The following local residents were named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Saint Michael's College, a liberal arts and sciences, residential Catholic college located in Burlington, Vermont, one of the top 10 college towns in America:

Ian P. Conway, son of Margaret and Patrick Conway of Wilmington, a Senior Philosophy major, who graduated from Wilmington High School before coming to Saint

Michael's.

John H. Keating, son of Karen and Keith Keating of Wilmington, a Sophomore Psychology major, who graduated from Bishop Fenwick High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of a semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the Dean's List.

Tewksbury Senior Topics

Friends Breakfast Benefit and Mini Fair on Sunday, March 2nd

The Friends and COA Valentine Dance has been rescheduled and will be held this Friday, February 21st at 7:00 PM. It will replace the Silvertones dance. The Perfect Match Band will be providing music for the dance. Tickets may be purchased at the door at \$10 per person.

An activities meeting will be held earlier in the day at 9:30 AM in the conference room this Friday, February 21st. Then at 12:30 PM, Kay Maher will hold a Cootie Party. All are welcome to both happenings.

The MS Support Group is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 24th at 10:00 AM in the conference room. Speaker, Robin Anderson, will be discussing yoga exercises. This group welcomes the public.

The monthly DJ Jon Mansfield afternoon dance will be held next Monday, February 24th at 12:00 PM.

Coming up in March is a Friends Breakfast Benefit and Mini Fair on Sunday, March 2nd from 7:30 to 1:00 AM. Volunteers are reminded that breakfast preparations will take place on Saturday, March 1st at 9:00 AM. Please note that we are

seeking volunteers that will help in both preparation and in serving bright and early on Sunday morning.

The Upscale Consignment Boutique will hold its "Intake of Items" day on Monday, March 3rd from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. This is a great time to check out the new items as they arrive as well as the newly reduced merchandise.

Tickets are still available for the Foxwoods day trip of Thursday, March 6th. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person and includes motor-coach transportation, a casino package and the driver gratuity. Departure time from the Senior Center is 7:00 AM sharp.

A corned beef dinner and dance will be held on Friday, March 7th at the Senior Center. Tickets are now available at \$15 per person. Veggie patrol will take place the day before on Thursday, March 6th at 1:00 PM.

Those Senior Citizen's involved in the MEMA host agency program should note that there will be another training session held on Monday, March 10th beginning at 9:00 AM in the Senior Center conference room. Participants are asked to

confirm with Jan or Linda that they will be in attendance at this meeting.

On Tuesday, March 11th at 9:30 AM, Karen Orband, RN will conduct the monthly Diabetes Academy. All are welcome.

The Senior Swinging Chorus will resume practice sessions on Tuesday, March 11th at 4:00 PM for its Spring (What a wonderful word.) concert season. Why not come on down and join the chorus and sing your way into Spring.

A Senior Center Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 15th from 9 AM to 2 PM. Table space for the yard sale may now be reserved at \$15 per table or 2 tables for \$25. One may reserve a table by dropping by the Senior Center to register.

The COA is now compiling a list of those Senior Citizens who wish to have our AARP Volunteers assist them with tax returns. The COA staff is now scheduling appointments. Those wishing to place their name on the list may call 978-640-4482.

A pleasant and "snowless" week is wished to all. God Bless America.

that will be selected to move on to the Semi-Finals which will be held two weeks later. The Lamplighters hope to keep their success going as last year's performance made it to the State Finals held in Boston.

Wilmington High School will be open Thursday evening starting at 7:00pm for a FREE preview of this year's play. Everyone is welcome!

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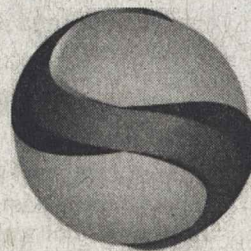
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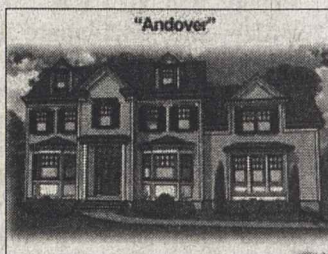
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It's Good to go to Shaw Tech

Supt Lyons shows figures that support success

BILLERICA - At a recent town managers meeting hosted by Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, a report presented by Superintendent/Director Charles Lyons revealed a student-body that is happy and productive, with plenty of statistics to prove it.

Shawsheen's graduation rate last year was 98.1 percent, almost 15 percentage points higher than the state's average and more than four percentage points higher than any school in its district.

Additionally, Shawsheen had the sixth-best daily average attendance, 97 percent, a rate that is 10 percent higher than the state's average. The figure is the best in Shawsheen's history and the 10th highest in the state out of 402 districts.

Since the 2005-2006 school year, Shawsheen's rate has never dropped below 95 percent.

"Our students come to school every day and maintain good academic standards," said Lyons. "They are

truly engaged in learning."

They also, according to the report, stay in school.

Shawsheen's drop-out rate is 0.1 percent after being 0.2 percent for the previous two years. The state average is 2.9 percent and only one other community in Shawsheen's district, Bedford, had a dropout rate less than one percent.

Lyons attributes the numbers to a simple fact, Shawsheen's students are happy when they are in the building.

"We hire exceptional teachers and our students excel," Lyons said. "We're engaging students and we're adapting our teaching methodologies, both our academic classrooms and our vocational-technical classrooms, and recognizing these students' unique learning styles. We have experts that know how to do that very, very well."

Shawsheen's MCAS scores were also impressive last year.

In all, 99 percent of students

scored advanced or proficient in English Language Arts, 89 percent in Science and 87 percent in Math. All three figures were well above the state average and happened with Shawsheen having the highest percentage of students with learning disabilities (28 percent).

The school had the state's second-highest accelerated growth rate (87 percent) in English Language Arts and ranked 33rd overall in Math (69 percent).

As a result, Shawsheen enjoys a waiting list for applications each February as eighth graders from throughout its district continue to recognize the outstanding numbers at Shawsheen.

For the 2012 school year, Shawsheen was the only school in the Merrimack Valley and the only vocational school in the state to receive Commendation School Status from Mass. Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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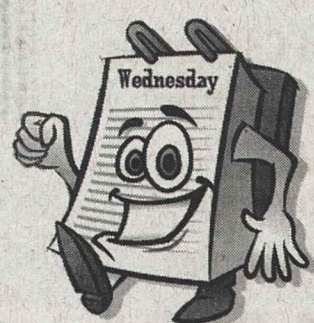
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Wilmington:

String Art Lesson

Feb. 25th; 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
The Wilmington Memorial Library will be hosting a night of fun and artistic learning as librarians will be demonstrating to participants aged 16 and up how to create artwork from using basic materials, such as plywood, embroidery string, and nails. Free admission; make sure to register online at the library's website. Be sure to come to learn some new art skills!

WHS Lamplighters Present: Misalliance

Feb. 26th; 7:00 PM
The Wilmington High School Lamplighters Drama Guild will be performing their one-act play production "Misalliance" at the Barrows Auditorium in the Wilmington High School. The production is free and open for the entire general public.

4th Annual All Star Entertainment Night

March 1st; 6:00 PM
The All-star Foundation, a nonprofit organization devoted to aiding children afflicted with a rare Urea Cycle disorder, will be hosting a fundraising event at the Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliot St., Danvers. Admission for the general public is \$50 per person; admission covers dinner, dancing, door prizes, and much more. Be sure to enjoy this event while also benefiting a good cause!

Beginning of Spring Watercolor Classes

March 6th; 9:30 AM Morning class, 1:00 PM Evening Class
The popular Spring Watercolor classes for artists new and experienced is coming to Wilmington beginning March 6th, with a morning class from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, and an evening class from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. All artists who are looking to learn new skills in watercolor painting are invited to attend and learn under a quality teacher. To register for these classes, held on Thursdays, be sure to contact 978-664-3159. The classes have no admission price, and are open to the public.

Self-Defense Seminar

March 8th; 12 PM-1:30 PM
The Academy of

Traditional Karate, found on 155 West St. will be hosting a Self Defense Seminar open to the general public at their studio. Participants will need to register before March 3rd by visiting the Academy to fill out a registration form. \$10 fee. A variety of self-defense strategies and scenarios will be presented at this seminar; participants should wear comfortable clothing for the event.

Book Presentation with Ken Gloss

March 11th; 7:00 PM
Brattle Book Shop's Ken Gloss presents a night all about antique books and the intricacies of book collecting. Gloss, a book collector and enthusiast, will talk about antique literature and will go into detail on what book collectors are really about with their hobbies; following the presentation, he will appraise any forms of antique literature the audience brings into the presentation. This event is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Saint Patrick's Day Party

March 14th; 7:00 PM
Join the Wilmington Touchdown Club in celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. Attend the party at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, on Middlesex Ave. behind Villanova Hall. Tickets for the party are \$20, and cover admission, the t-shirt you receive once inside, and entry into the door prize raffle! Tickets can be ordered in advance now at <http://www.wilmingtontouchdownclub.com/>.

WEF Spelling Bee

March 21st; 7:00 PM
Are you and several friends always competing to spell the longest and most unusual words in the dictionary, and are looking for a fun challenge? Then be sure to head to Villanova Hall, adjacent to the Saint Thomas Church for the WEF's Annual Spelling Bee. Start your own individual team for \$100, or even start a corporate one for \$250; all are excellent choices to join in the spelling fun. To register for this event, contact Kim Peterson at kandjpeter@verizon.net; registration forms are available on the WEF public website, be sure to visit for more information. All participants are encouraged to bring their

own snacks and beverages to the event.

Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction

March 24th; 7:00 PM
Sports enthusiasts and collectors will not want to miss the Friendship Lodge AF and AM's Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction, held at the Scoreboard Bar and Grille found on 15 Middlesex Canal Park Dr. in Woburn. Proceeds benefit scholarships for local students. Purchase tickets at Designs by Don Florist in Wilmington, at the door the date of the event, or by contacting jesse.r.plouffe@gmail.com.

Tewksbury:

Bestselling Author Suzanne Brockmann Visit

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 PM
Visit the Tewksbury Public Library (300 Chandler St.) to enjoy a wonderful evening with Suzanne Brockmann, one of the country's leading romantic suspense writers, as she discusses her latest novel, Do or Die. A Q&A and book selling/signing will follow the talk. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Limited to 100 seats. Call 978-640-4490 x 205 or email rhayes@mvic.org to reserve your seat.

Open Mic Night

Friday, Feb. 21; 7 PM
Enjoy and participate in an unplugged evening of entertainment with music, song, poetry, dance, or any other talent participants wish to share (within reason) at the Tewksbury United Methodist Church. \$5 cover charge benefits local charities. Pizza, soda, and water available for purchase. Call 978-658-9551 with questions.

An Evening of Comedy at the Tewksbury Knights of Columbus

Feb. 22nd; 7:00 PM
The Tewksbury Knights of Columbus will be hosting a night of brilliant comics and hilarious comedy at their Knights of Columbus Hall, found on 2068 Main St. Stop by and hear the fantastic talents of Steve Bjork and Friends, with prime headliner Frank Santorelli, known mainly for his role as Frankie the Bartender in the hit series The Sopranos. Donations of \$20 are used as admission for all attendees, and several raffles and other

fun plans are in place for the night! Come for the comedy, and stay for the laughs you'll have with these hit funny guys.

TPS Workshop on School Anxiety

Feb. 27th; 5:30-7:30 PM
The Tewksbury Public School System is offering free workshops to the families of students in the Tewksbury schools around town to aid children and their parents with issues many students feel as they progress through the levels of education. This workshop will focus on school anxiety some students have, and how to slow it, eliminate the anxiety, and help maintain their anxiety while in the classroom. Registration is currently open; attendance for this event is limited to 25 seats; online registration is preferred, and can be done at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WZVRK39>.

Memorial Day Parade Fundraiser

Friday, Feb. 28; 7-11 PM
Sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Patriotic Activities Committee, this annual fundraiser held at the Tewksbury Country Club funds the town Memorial Day Parade. Raffles (including one for a Boston-Bermuda Cruise), 50/50, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment. Call Mark@ 617-217-8622 or Pat@ 987-397-1529 or markkratman@verizon.net to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. We will also be holding a raffle for a CRUISE for 2 out of Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Dawn. For more information please e-mail patrick.holland@comcast.net or call 978-397-1529.

American All-Star Band Performance

March 8th; 8 PM-Midnight
The American All-Star Band will be performing at the Tewksbury Country Club, found on 1880 Main St. Come for the music, stay for the dancing and fun. A cash bar will be available for this performance, and general admission is \$20 per person. Tables of 10 and 12 are available in limited number, and doors for the event open at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be reserved online at <http://www.americanallstarband.com/tickets>. Make sure to reserve yours soon!

Tewksbury Board of Selectmen Meeting

March 11th; 7:00 PM
The Tewksbury Board of Selectmen will meet at 7:00 PM at the temporary Town Hall, 464 Main St., the Hardy-Pike House.

Comedy Night at the VFW

March 28th; 7:30 PM
Due to incredible popularity and demand from the residents of Tewksbury, the Tewksbury VFW Post 8164 will be holding another Comedy Night with some of the funniest comedians from New England at their main building found on 87 Vernon St. in Tewksbury. Comics Suzi Berlin, E.J. Murphy, and headliner Steve Sweeney will lend their comedic talents to the show. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$160 for a table intended for eight; for tickets call 813-760-1972; raffles and other surprises.

Mother and Son Brunch

May 3rd; 10 AM-12 PM
The Tewksbury Country Club will be holding a Mother and Son Brunch following the large success of last year's Mother and Son Brunch. With over 200 mothers participating in the event last year, this brunch is sure to be a fun and entertaining opportunity to spend some quality time with your son this May. Be sure to save the date for this brunch fundraiser.

Merrimack Area:

Billerica: Vic and Sticks Recycled Rhythm Band

Feb. 20th; 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
Are you looking to teach your kids the values of recycling? Do you want to get them into the habit in a fun and musical way? Then be sure to head down to the Billerica Public Library to hear the Vic and Sticks Recycled Rhythm Band play, a show intended for all ages! Bring your family down for some educational fun, learning and singing along! Be sure to contact the library for more information by calling 978-671-0948.

Lexington: The Master Singers of Lexington POPS Concert

March 1st; 8:00 PM

The Master Singers of Lexington will be hosting their POPS concert at the First Parish Unitarian Church, found on 7 Harrington Road in Lexington. Come down and listen to a variety of music selections performed by the Master Singers of Lexington to the theme "Shall We Dance?" The ticket prices to get into the venue range from \$18 to \$23, and can be purchased by contacting the group at 781-729-9712 or by visiting <http://www.themastersingers.org/>.

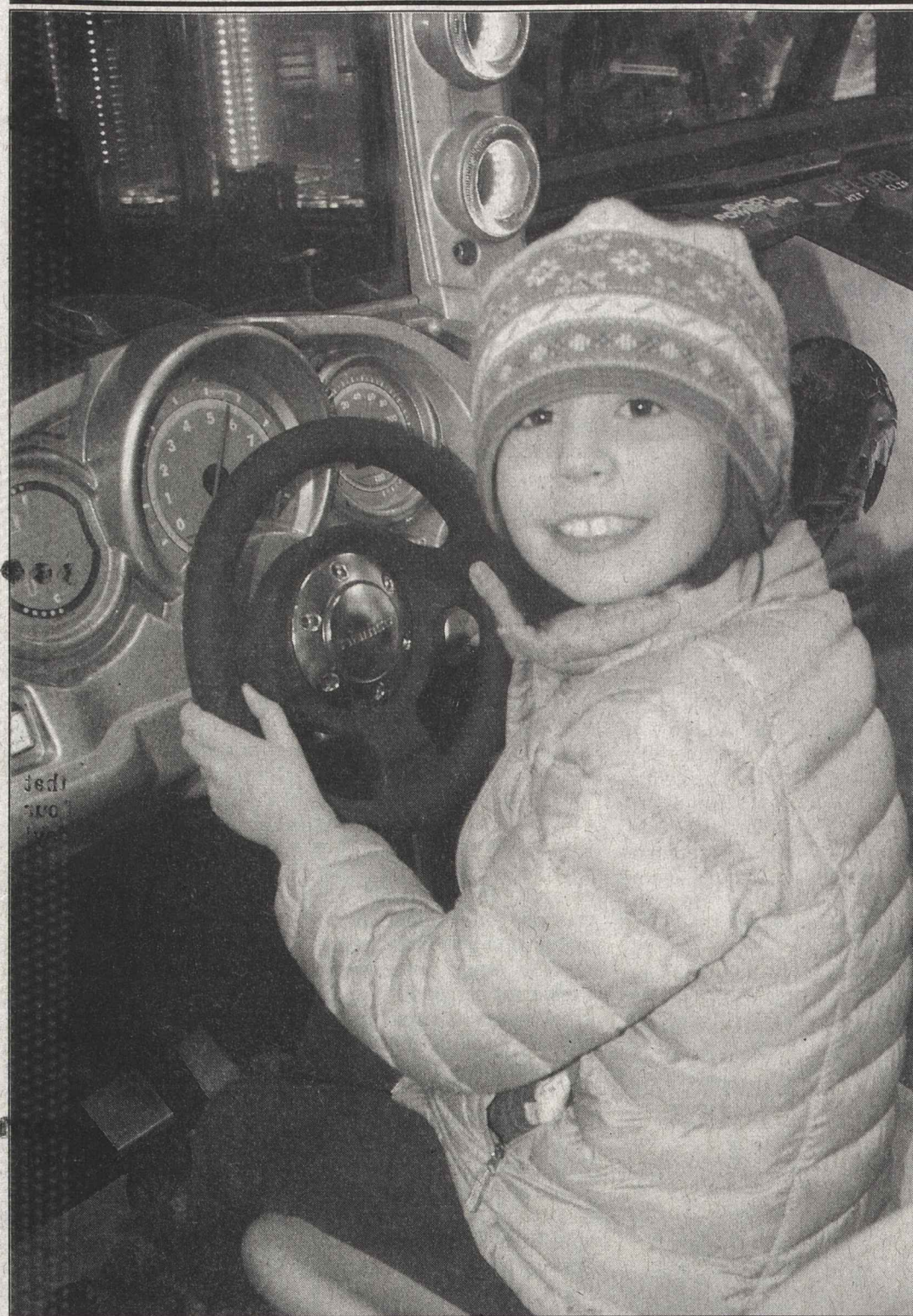
Lowell:

"A Conversation with Meryl Streep" Fundraiser

April 1st; 7:30 PM
Due to inclement weather conditions, the UMASS Lowell "A Conversation with Meryl Streep" fundraiser has been moved to April 1st, 2014 at the Tsongas Center found on the UMASS Lowell Campus. Ticket holders can gain refunds on their tickets through contacting the box office at 866-722-8780 or visiting in person. All tickets purchased for the Feb. fundraiser date will be usable for the postponed date. Those looking for tickets can find them at the box office on campus or by calling 978-934-5738. The fundraiser will include Meryl Streep talking about her career, as well as presenting scholarships to outstanding English majors at UMASS Lowell. Don't miss out on an excellent fundraising opportunity for the school.

Reading: Not Too Stuff Book Group Discussion

Feb. 20th; 1:00 PM
The Reading Senior Center's "Not Too Stuff" Book Group will be meeting at the Reading Senior Center, found on 49 Pleasant St. in Reading to discuss the novel "The Sense of an Ending", written by author Julian Barnes. The novel, a gripping tale of life among friends, will be discussed by the group in its entirety; be sure to bring your copy to this free book discussion for reference during the talks.



Two hands on the wheel

Ava Laham enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games at MVP on Main Street in Tewksbury on Wednesday of school vacation week.

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WHS C.A.T.S announce

March-A-Pella VI

WILMINGTON - Wilmington High School's Choral and Theatre Support group (WHS C.A.T.S.) is proud to announce the sixth annual A Cappella concert - March-A-Pella VI, to be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 7pm at the Wilmington Middle School.

March-A-Pella is an all a cappella music event featuring High School, College and Professional a cappella groups. In addition to singing words, a cappella singers emulate instrumentation by reproducing sounds and melodies with their vocal cords, in other words, there are no instruments! If you have never seen an a cappella concert, you must come and see what an amazing talent singing a cappella is.

This Year's Performers:

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Advanced ticket sales are available now. Adults \$10.00 (\$15.00 at the door), Students \$8.00 (advanced & at the door). For ticket and event information go to www.wilmingtoncats.org.

All proceeds from the show go towards Scholarships and supplemental funding for the Performing Arts of Wilmington High School.

Friendship Lodge A.F. & A. M. scholarship fundraiser

Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction

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WILMINGTON - Friendship Lodge is pleased to announce that it will host a sports memorabilia silent auction to benefit it's Scholarship Fund on Monday, March 24.

Each year, this local fraternal organization awards multiple scholarships to deserving members of the Wilmington community and relies upon this fundraising event to finance these awards.

This year, Friendship Lodge has partnered with friends at the Boston

Garden and will have an amazing line up of one of a kind sports memorabilia, including numerous signed items and historical artifacts from the history of Boston sports.

All members of Wilmington and surrounding communities are welcome to please come out and support this event.

Ticket prices will also include an appetizer buffet and door prize entry.

Our favorite Boston hockey team will be taking on their rivals from Montreal that

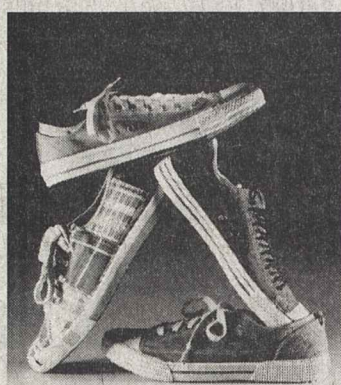
night... please come and watch the game with us!

The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. at Scoreboard Sports Bar & Grill, 15 Middlesex Canal Park Dr, Woburn. Tickets are \$20 each, available at door on night of event or in advance by contacting Jesse Plouffe / jesse.r.plouffe@gmail.com or 978-500-5281.

Tickets can also be purchased at Designs by Don at 380 Main Street, Wilmington.

Sneaker Convention

Sunday in Lowell



TEWKSBURY-LOWELL - TMHS Sophomore Evan Surette is running a "sneaker convention" at the Lowell Masonic Lodge from 1 pm - 6 pm on Sunday, February 23. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Tewksbury Community Food Pantry.

"A sneaker convention is where people can bring in their shoes and sneakers and either buy, sell, trade, or simply display their shoes," explains Surette. Most big name brands will likely be on hand. The Lowell Masonic Lodge is located directly across the street from the Lowell Police Station at 79 Dutton Street.

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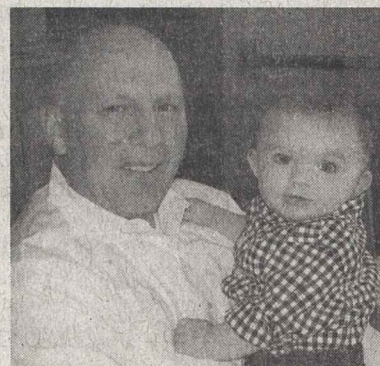
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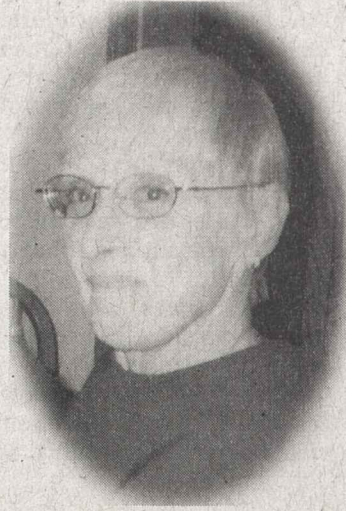
OBITUARIES

Judith M. McCain

Retired head teller at the Brookline Bank

WILMINGTON - Judith M. McCain, of Wilmington passed away peacefully at the Winchester Hospital on February 10, 2014, following a lengthy illness. She was the beloved wife of the late John I. McCain who passed away in March of 2010. Born in Boston she was one of three children of the late Joseph J. and Magdalen (Raskauskas) Mason. "Mam" as she was affectionately known to her family and friends was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a retired head teller at the Brookline Bank in Medford where she worked for many years. Mam enjoyed nothing more than being surrounded by her family and the people she loved. Over the years she enjoyed spending time with family at her cottage in New Hampshire, traveling or just spending time by her pool with her grandchildren making many wonderful lasting memories.

In addition to her late husband and parents, Mam is predeceased by her sister, Margaret Cappellano. She is survived by her beloved daughter, Lisa Murphy and



her husband Sean of Wilmington. She was the loving and doting grandmother of Sean Jr., Krista, Michael and Shannon Murphy. Cherished sister of Joseph Mason of Winthrop.

In keeping with Mam's wishes funeral services were privately held. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 0170. Arrangements by the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home of Wilmington. To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorosso.net

Dorothy L. Pinkerton

Director of Medical Records at Mass. Rehabilitation Hospital; WWII Army veteran

WILMINGTON - Dorothy L. (Madigan) Pinkerton, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at Woodbriar of Wilmington on February 17, 2014.

Born on July 12, 1923, in Springfield, MA, she was the daughter of the late Charles D. & Harriet (Landon) Madigan.

During World War II, Dorothy enlisted in 1944 in the U. S. Army WACS as part of the team that deciphered the German codes. She was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant.

Following her marriage to Robert J. Pinkerton, they resided in Rockland, MA, until 1963 when they moved to Wilmington.

During her career, Dorothy held various positions as Assistant Director and Director of Medical Records at Mass. Rehabilitation Hospital, Emerson Hospital, and Otis Hospital; retiring in 1991.

Dorothy was a long time member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, and is survived by her sister-in-law Violet (Pinkerton) Culhane



and her family of Rochester, NY.

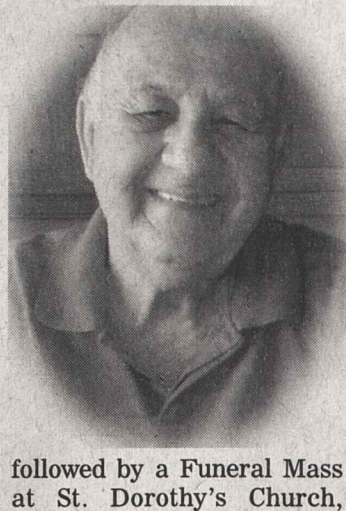
Family and friends are invited to a Service to Celebrate Dorothy's life on Monday, February 24th at 11:00 a.m. in the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St. (Rte. 62), Wilmington. A brief Committal Service will follow in the Veteran's Section of Wildwood Cemetery. There will be no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers gifts in Dorothy's memory may be made to the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887. Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Paul M. Raposo

Loving father, grandfather and great grandfather

WILMINGTON - Paul M. Raposo, age 84, of Wilmington, passed away on February 16, 2014, at the Winchester Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Rose M. (DiTucci) Raposo of Wilmington, loving father of Paul Raposo and his wife Juli of Rochester, NH, Kathleen Raposo and Steven Raposo and his wife Tina, all of Wilmington, cherished "Grampa" of Sherry, Casandra and Tony Raposo and Sean Hickford, "Papa" of Danielle, Steven and the late Krystal Raposo, great "Papa" of Rene' and Janetsi, son of the late Manuel and Laudalena (Amaral) Raposo and dear brother of the late Ronald Raposo, who is survived by his wife Marietta of New York.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Friday, February 21st, at 9:00 a.m.



followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rte. 38), Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow in Wildwood Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, February 20th, from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations in Paul's name can be made to the American Cancer Society, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen St., 2nd Floor, Framingham, MA 01701.

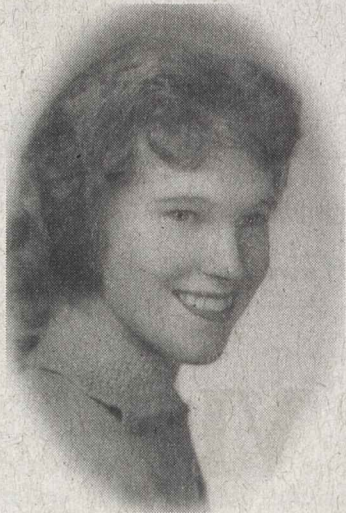
Cynthia M. Silva-LaMarca

Devoted mother and grandmother

BURLINGTON - Cynthia M. Silva-LaMarca, of Burlington formerly of Medford passed away peacefully surrounded by her children at the Massachusetts General Hospital on January 25, 2014. She was 70 years of age. Born in Medford she was the cherished daughter of the late Harold C. and Muriel E. (Reynolds) Silva.

Cynthia was raised and educated in Medford and was a 1961 graduate of Medford High School. She was a Burlington resident for many years and also lived for ten years in Wildwood, Florida. She enjoyed sewing and making clothes, knitting, gardening and loved birds. Cynthia was a devoted mother and grandmother and mostly enjoyed being at home making sure that her home was always a warm and welcoming place for her family to be together sharing each other's company.

Cynthia was the beloved mother of Cheryl LaMarca of Chelmsford, Louis LaMarca Jr. and his wife Lori of Tewksbury, Cynthia LaMarca and her fiancé Joseph Finch of Maine, and Susan Sampson and her husband Peter of Wilmington. She is also survived by 16 Loving grandchildren and 3



loving great grandchildren. Sister of the late Harold Silva.

A memorial service was conducted in the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, Saturday, February 1st, at 2:45 pm. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend and visit with the family prior to the service from 1 to 2:45 p.m. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Cynthia's memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorosso.net

Tewksbury Special Education PAC and School Department present

Basic Rights Workshop

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Special Education Parent Advisory Council (TSEPAC) and the Student Services and Special Education Department are offering a Basic Rights Workshop for all parents, guardians and interested parties. The workshop will be held on March 6, 2014 from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Wynn Middle School library.

This workshop provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsi-

bilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB). It is designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with the school, to decide the child's eligibility for special education, to plan, make decisions and to monitor the educational progress of their child.

We invite all interested parties to join us for this informative workshop.

Mary Silveira

Bookkeeper for FETCO Leather Goods

WILMINGTON - Mary Silveira, age 80, of Wilmington formerly of Scituate, passed away February 11, 2014, at the Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge following a lengthy period of declining health. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank C. Silveira. Born in Augusta, Sicily, Italy she was the daughter of the late Dominic and Maria (Vazzino) Mirabella.

Mary attended Boston Schools as a young girl and was a 1951 graduate of Girls High School in Boston. She worked for a number of years at the Pastene Co. of Boston and later worked for many years as a bookkeeper for the FETCO Leather Goods Company. In her younger years, Mary enjoyed playing tennis. She was also an avid football fan and love to watch the games on TV. Mary possessed a wonderful personality and a great sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Mary was the devoted mother of Frank S. Silveira and his wife, Kelly of Wilmington, the late Donna Silveira, and the late John A. Silveira and his surviving wife Beth Silveira of Willow Spring, NC. She is also lovingly survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Sister of the late Rose Petrillo and



Phyllis Foniri.

Funeral services were held from the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, Monday, February 17th, at 9 a.m. followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours at the Dello Russo Funeral Home were held on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Mary's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater New England Chapter, 101A First Avenue, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451-1115. To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorosso.net

Senate approves foster care moratorium

Discretionary list: 110 crimes... and still qualify...

BOSTON - The Senate Thursday approved a temporary moratorium on the placement of children under the care of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in foster homes with individuals who have a prior criminal record.

The amendment, offered by Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and the Senate Republican Caucus, imposes a six-month moratorium on DCF's approval of any new foster care placements involving individuals or family members convicted of a felony, unless there are specific written findings on the necessity of such placement and a finding that the placement poses no threat to the safety of the child. The amendment was approved on a roll call vote of 32-5 as part of a \$196.4 million supplemental budget passed by the Senate today. Senator Barry Finegold voted in favor of the amendment.

The amendment also requires the Office of the Child Advocate to examine all such existing foster care placements to ensure the safety of each child, and to determine whether or not such placement is appropriate.

The Senate's actions follow recent media reports indicating that DCF has allowed foster parents with prior criminal records to take children into their homes in 650 cases since 2013. There are currently 552 active homes caring for children where the guardian has a prior criminal conviction.

Under DCF policies that were last updated in 2008, prospective foster parents who have been convicted of crimes such as soliciting sex from a minor, motor vehicle homicide, and armed assault are not automatically disqualified from becoming foster parents, and can seek a waiver from DCF. This is

due in part to a 2000 Superior Court decision.

According to recent media reports, DCF maintains a "discretionary" list that includes about 110 crimes applicants can have on their records and still qualify as foster parents. Some of these offenses include:

- inducing sex from a minor;
- soliciting a prostitute;
- possessing obscene "pornographic" material;
- assault and battery with a dangerous weapon;
- armed burglary;
- involuntary manslaughter;
- motor vehicle homicide while driving under the influence; and
- trafficking in cocaine or heroin within 1,000 feet of a school

In a statement to the press following the amendment's passage, Andover Board of Selectman chair and State Senate candidate said, "The department of children and families is supposed to protect children. Unfortunately, they are failing. As a father, I am very disturbed by the multiple failures. I am respectfully urging the Governor to ask for Commissioner Olga Roche to step down from head of this agency immediately," said Vispoli, father of four children. "The children of the Commonwealth deserve better. It is time for the Governor to take action."

Late last year legislators began calling for an independent investigation into the failures of DCF regarding the disappearance of Jeremiah Oliver. Oliver, a five-year-old Fitchburg resident, went missing last fall while under DCF care, and his whereabouts remain unknown.

The supplemental budget now heads to the House of Representatives for further action.

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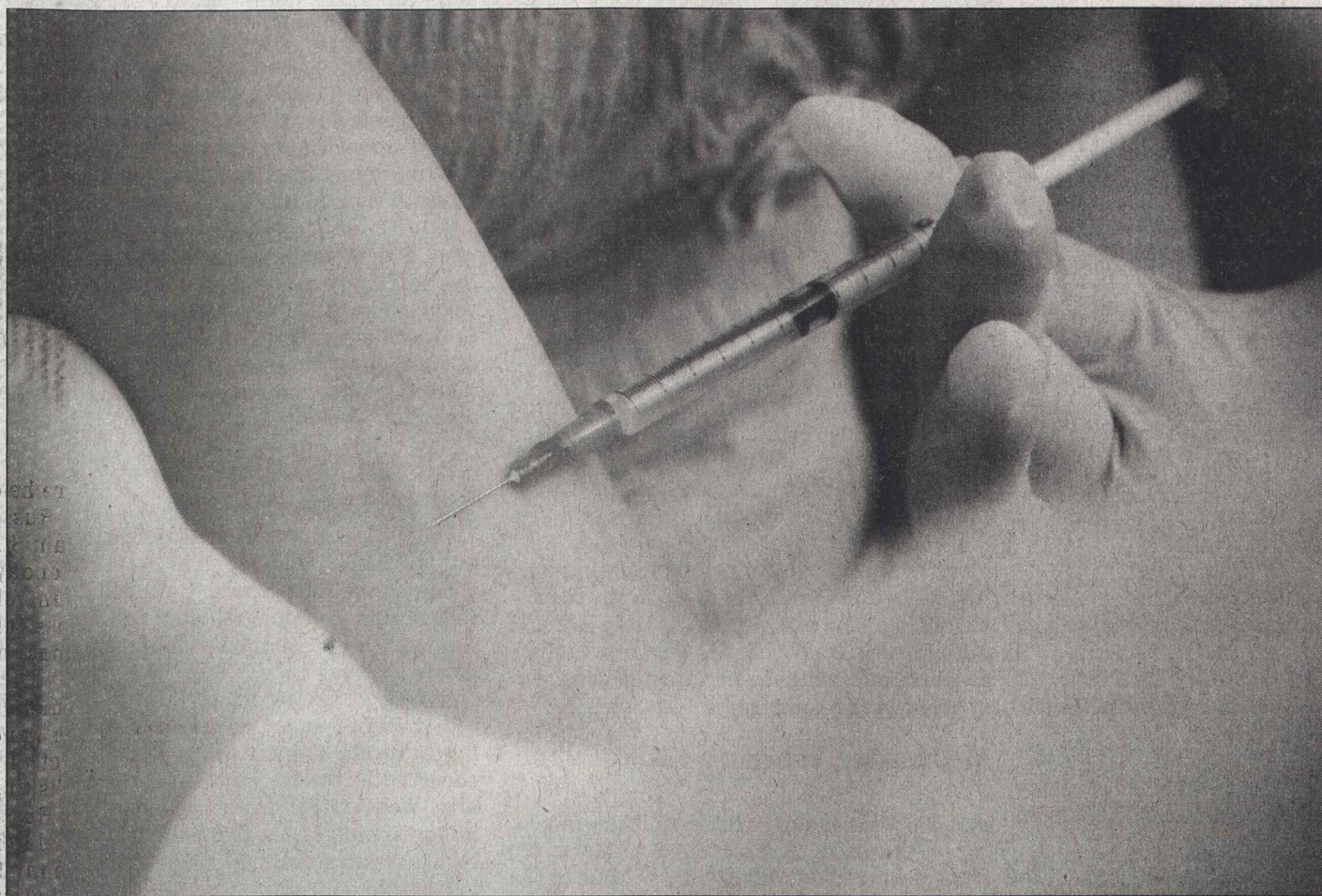
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Health



How to Avoid The Worst Cough of Your Life

By Sharon Adelman Crowley
Town Crier Correspondent

Whooping cough is highly contagious. Named for the sound an infected person makes when gasping for air after a coughing fit, the whooping cough has been referred to by some as "the worst cough of their lives." It becomes airborne and spreads when an infected person with cold-like symptoms coughs, breathes, or sneezes. Prolonged, heavy coughing is a hallmark of the whooping cough, also known as pertussis, which can persist for more than 10 weeks.

For preteens, teens, and adults, pertussis can disrupt daily life: missed school or work, sleepless nights, vomiting, difficulty breathing, broken ribs (from severity of the cough) and ruptured blood vessels. Severe complications could include pneumonia or death.

Infants, who are at greatest risk for pertussis, can have several complications which may require hospitalization. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "About half of infants with pertussis younger than 1 are hospitalized, and 1 or 2 in 100 hospitalized infants die."

The CDC suggests two strategies to protect against pertussis:

- Pregnant women should receive the Tdap vaccination during each pregnancy. This builds antibodies that are then transferred to the newborn, which provide protection until the baby's first DTaP vaccine at 2 months. (The DTaP vaccine is for children under the age of 7. The Tdap is a booster immunization for adolescents and adults.)

- Vaccinations are recommended two weeks prior to close contact with infants: parents, siblings, grandparents (65 and older), caregivers, babysitters, and healthcare professionals.

"A lot of people may not have updated their vaccinations," said Tewksbury Public Health Nurse Sarah Kinghorn. "It's important to protect small babies and those unable to have vaccinations."

According to the CDC:

- Any adolescents or adults who didn't get Tdap as a pre-teen should get one dose.
- You can get the Tdap booster dose no matter when you got your last regular tetanus booster shot (Td).

- Also, you need to get Tdap even if you were vaccinated as a child or have been sick with pertussis in the past.

"As adults, we take our health for granted," said Traci Mello, Wilmington Public Health Nurse. When it comes to pertussis, preventative care is crucial. "It keeps the baby in a cocoon of immunity," Mello said.

In addition to protecting against pertussis, both the DTaP and the Tdap protect against tetanus and diphtheria as well.

Tetanus is a dangerous disease caused by bacteria commonly found in soil. It enters the body through broken skin, for example by stepping on a rusty nail. Once tetanus enters the body it attacks the nervous system. Symptoms can appear three weeks after exposure: headaches, painful muscle tightening and stiffness in the head, neck, and jaw muscle - called lockjaw. The muscle spasms can be severe enough to cause breathing problems or paralysis. Tetanus can cause death if left untreated.

Diphtheria is a respiratory disease. Like pertussis, it is highly contagious and spread by coughing and sneezing. It can start with a sore throat, mild fever and chills. The most notable symptom is difficulty breathing or swallowing due to a thick coating in the back of the nose or throat. The toxin from diphtheria can attack the heart, resulting in heart failure. It can also attack the nerves, leading to paralysis. About 1 out of 10 people who get diphtheria will die.

"Before vaccines, the United States saw as many as 200,000 cases a year of diphtheria and pertussis, and hundreds of cases of tetanus. Since vaccination began, tetanus and diphtheria have dropped by about 99% and pertussis by about 80%," according to the CDC.

To learn more about DTaP and Tdap, consult your physician. You can also call your town's public health nurse.

Wilmington Public Health Nurse Traci Mellow: 978-658-4298

Tewksbury Public Health Nurse Sarah Kinghorn: 978-640-4473

For additional information visit:

www.cdc.gov

www.immunize.org

Winchester Hospital Urges Flu Awareness and Prevention

Winchester, Mass. - So far it's been a quiet flu season, but don't let that fool you. The peak flu season, which is typically the last two weeks of February, has yet to arrive.

According to the Department of Public Health, the predominant strain of the 2013-2014 flu season, called H1N1, is covered in this season's flu vaccine. And unlike in past years, this flu vaccine is readily available. Residents who have not yet received the flu shot still are urged to do so.

What Steps Can I Take to Protect Myself and My Family During The Flu Season?

- Eat right and get enough rest.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. Avoid any person who is coughing, sneezing or has respiratory illness.

- Know the symptoms of influenza: sudden fever, aches and pains, headache, chills, sore throat, possibly sudden dizziness, cough, head and lung congestion, fatigue and possibly diarrhea/nausea.

- You shouldn't go to work and children shouldn't go to school with symptoms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends staying home and limiting contact with others to keep from infecting them.

- Wash hands with soap and water for 15 to 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer or wipes, especially when in public.

- You shouldn't visit friends or family members in the hospital if you have symptoms, unless it is necessary to do so.

In prior years, when H1N1 has been the predominant strain of the flu it has led to a season with higher numbers of hospitalizations and death. Although the vaccine isn't 100 percent effective in preventing the flu, it can reduce the severity of symptoms, hospitalizations and deaths. Since the vaccine is the best defense to remain healthy this and every flu season, more than 98 percent of Winchester Hospital employees, medical staff and volunteers are committed to keeping their patients healthy and stopping the spread of the flu by receiving the vaccine. If you still need to receive the vaccine to help stay healthy this flu season, please contact your local board of health, health care provider or pharmacy.

About Winchester Hospital

Winchester Hospital is the first hospital in Massachusetts to earn Magnet recognition, the American Nurses Association's highest honor for nursing excellence, three times. As the northwest suburban Boston area's leading provider of comprehensive health care services, the 229-bed facility provides care in general, bariatric and vascular surgery, orthopedics, pediatrics, cardiology, pulmonary medicine, oncology, gastroenterology, rehabilitation, radiation oncology, pain management, obstetrics/gynecology and a Level IIB Special Care Nursery. Winchester Hospital has clinical affiliations with several nationally recognized hospitals in the region, including Boston Children's Hospital, Tufts Medical Center and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. To learn more, visit www.winchesterhospital.org.

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Recognizing Teen Dating Violence

According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Dating violence often starts with teasing and name-calling. These behaviors are often thought to be a "normal" part of a relationship. But these behaviors can set the stage for more serious violence like physical assault and rape.

What is dating violence?

Teen dating violence is defined as the physical, sexual, or psychological/emotional violence within a dating relationship, and includes stalking. It can occur in person, through social media, or electronically and may occur between a current or former dating partner. You may have heard several different words used to describe teen dating violence. Here are just a few:

- Relationship Abuse
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Relationship Violence
- Dating Abuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Domestic Violence

Adolescents and adults are often unaware that teens experience dating violence. In a 2011 CDC nationwide survey, 9.4 percent of high school students report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend in the 12 months prior to the survey. A 201 CDC nationwide study found that about 1 in 5 women and nearly 1 in 7 men who ever experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.

What are the consequences of dating violence?

As teens develop emotionally, they are heavily influenced by their relationship experiences. Healthy relationship behaviors can have a positive effect on a teen's emotional development. Unhealthy, abusive or violent relationships can cause short-term and long-term negative effects, or consequences to the developing teen. Victims of teen dating violence are more likely to do poorly in school, and report binge drinking, suicide attempts, and physical fighting. Victims may also carry the patterns of violence into future relationships.

Why Does Dating Violence Happen?

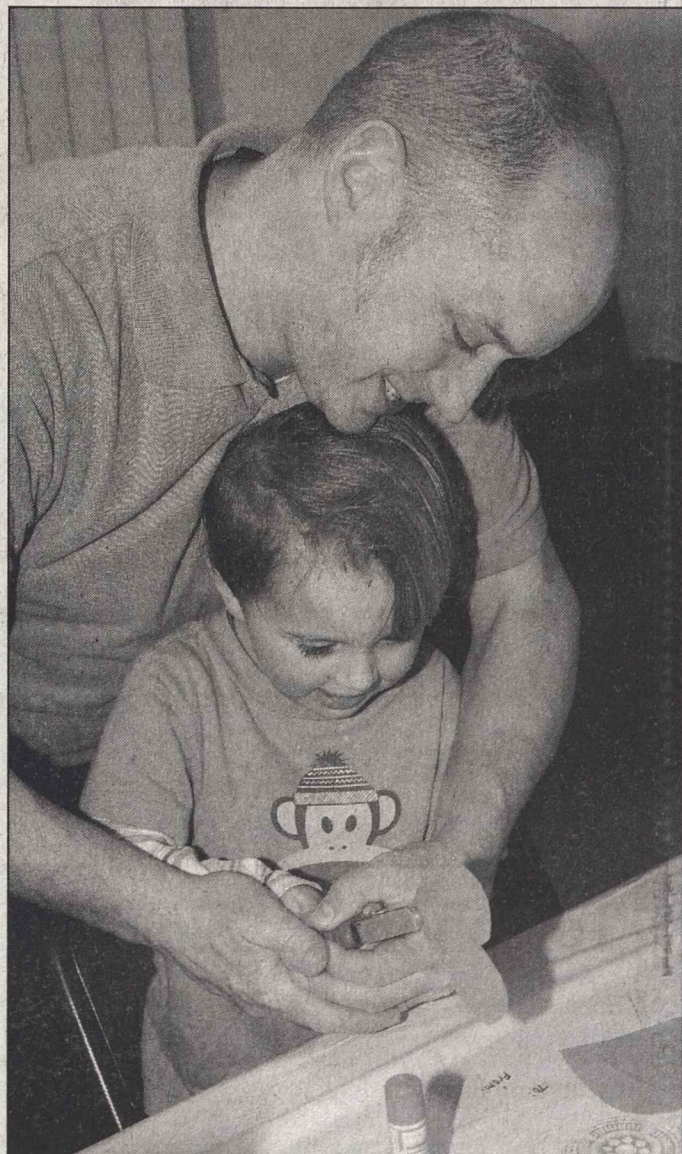
Communicating with your partner, managing uncomfortable emotions like anger and jealousy, and treating others with respect are a few ways to keep relationships healthy and non-violent. Teens receive messages about how to behave in relationships from peers, adults in their lives, and the media. All too often these examples suggest violence in a relationship is okay. Violence is never acceptable. But there are reasons why it happens.

Violence is related to certain risk factors. Risks of having unhealthy relationships increase for teens who:

- Believe it's okay to use threats or violence to get their way or to express frustration or anger.
- Use alcohol or drugs.
- Can't manage anger or frustration.
- Hang out with violent peers.
- Have multiple sexual partners.
- Have a friend involved in dating violence.
- Are depressed or anxious.
- Have learning difficulties and other problems at school.
- Don't have parental supervision and support.
- Witness violence at home or in the community.
- Have a history of aggressive behavior or bullying.

Dating violence can be prevented when teens, families, organizations, and communities work together to implement effective prevention strategies.

For more information on teen dating violence, visit CDC.gov.



John Hunt helped his son, Cooper with a Valentine's Day craft at the Abundant Life Family Night on Friday.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for housebreak

Monday, February 10

4:25 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 918 Main Street.

5:53 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Whipple Road and French Street.

5:57 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and South Street.

Tuesday, February 11

7:39 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 1360 Main Street.

11:18 a.m. John Mucci, 33, of 114 Delmont Avenue in Lowell, was arrested at 125 Marston Street and is charged with breaking and entering a building in the daytime for felony, larceny over \$250, willful and malicious destruction, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a police officer. He was also arrested on the basis of a warrant.

10:08 p.m. Khristina Nieves, 23, of 18 Second Street, Apartment A in Lowell, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Wednesday, February 12

1:44 a.m. After a motor vehicle related accident at 999 Whipple Road, Renae Brown, 28, of 3333 Evergreen Drive in Wilmington, was arrested and is charged with four counts of possessing Class E substances, two counts of possessing Class C substances, operating under the influence, the negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, and the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

5:48 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred on Route 495 North, near Exit 38.

4:04 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 320 Pleasant Street.

5:52 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 540 Main Street.

9:36 p.m. A home on Heritage Drive was reportedly burglarized.

Thursday, February 13

10:08 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Pinnacle Street and Livingston Street.

12:59 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Andover

Street and North Street.

Friday, February 14

6:44 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred on Clark Road.

4:40 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred on Maple Street.

6:47 p.m. Frank Cavaretta, 26, of 4 Bryant Street in Woburn, was arrested at 1910 Andover Street and is charged with the failure to stop or yield and with the failure to stop for police.

Saturday, February 15

2:08 a.m. David O'Connor, 29, of 432 Foster Road in Tewksbury, was arrested at 1975 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

4:01 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Chandler Street and Foster Road.

4:04 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Pike Street and Main Street.

4:21 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 823 South Street.

4:25 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of South Street and Bridge Street.

4:28 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of East Street and maple Street.

4:40 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 1307 Shawsheen Street.

5:10 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Foster Road and Shawsheen Street.

5:44 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Foster Road and Chandler Street.

6:13 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 1450 Whipple Road.

10:14 p.m. Robert Landers, 63, of 248 Apache Way in Tewksbury, was arrested at 1900 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Sunday, February 16

12:23 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 1910 Andover Street.



Wilmington Police Log

Slick roads lead to accidents

Monday, February 10th:

12:01 PM: Krystal Moran, 19, of 6 Railroad Ave. in Wilmington was arrested at her residence, charged with the crime of assault with a dangerous weapon

2:42 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on the Lowell St. entrance to the I-93 Highway involving a Honda Accord and a Jeep Wrangler. Both vehicles sustained minor damage in the collision, and neither involved party was injured.

Tuesday, February 11th:

7:28 AM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Saturn SL1 and a Honda CR-V occurred in front of the Wilmington High School on Church St. No mention of the health of either involved party or the damages either vehicle involved sustained were made in the police report.

8:49 AM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Corolla and a Toyota Camry occurred at the intersection of Glen Rd. and Main Street. Both vehicles sustained minor damage, and neither operator involved was injured in the collision.

Wednesday, February 12th:

12:36 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Chevrolet Express and a Mack 600 truck occurred on Middlesex Ave. One of the involved vehicles sustained sufficient damage to warrant towing services, and no parties involved were injured in the collision.

Thursday, February 13th:

12:29 PM: A three way motor vehicle collision occurred at the Sonny's Mobile On The Run involving a Jeep Grand Cherokee, a Ford Cutvan, and an unspecified Chevrolet model. No mention of any damages to any vehicles involved or the conditions of any of the operators involved were made in the accident report.

3:15 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Burlington Ave. involving a Chrysler Sebring and a Dodge Ram. Both vehicles sustained minor damages in the collision, and neither of the operators involved received any injuries.

Friday, February 14th:

6:30 AM: A motor vehicle collision

occurred on First Ave. involving a Subaru Impreza and a Jeep Wrangler. Both vehicles sustained minor damages, and no injuries occurred during the collision.

9:46 AM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the Sonny's Mobile On The Run, located on Lowell St. involving a Ford Taurus and a Ford F-150. Both vehicles sustained minor damages, and no mention of the conditions of either party involved was made in the report.

3:10 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Accord and a Freightliner occurred on the I-93 Northbound highway. Both vehicles sustained an unspecified level of damage, and a mention of injured parties following the collision was made in the report.

Saturday, February 15th:

12:41 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Odyssey and a Suzuki SX4 occurred on Main Street. Both vehicles sustained minor damages, and neither party was reported to be injured following the collision.

12:42 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Camry and a Nissan Murano occurred at the intersection of Sheridan St. and Woburn St. Both vehicles sustained minor damages in the collision, and one involved party declined medical services following the collision.

4:00 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Civic and a Toyota Paseo occurred at the Wilmington Healthcare building on Woburn St. One of the involved vehicles sustained sufficient damage to warrant towing, and no injuries to either operator involved was mentioned in the report.

Sunday, February 16th:

6:25 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Main Street involving a Mazda 3 and a Toyota Prius. Both vehicles sustained minor damages, and neither operator involved was injured in the collision.

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The Ryan Wind Ensemble and Chamber players, mostly 6th graders, await their turn on the stage at the first concert of the year held at the McGrath Performing Arts Center at TMHS.
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Honors at Carroll School

Dean Nally, grade 7, of Wilmington, and Luke Miller, grade 9, of Tewksbury, achieved honors for the second quarter at the Carroll School in Lincoln, MA.

Two Tewksbury students excel at Fairfield University

Fairfield University has announced that the Alexander Dane and Rachel Hurton both of Tewksbury have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester.

Bliss excels at College of NJ

Ariel Bliss, a Senior Music Education major and a resident of Tewksbury, has earned the esteemed honor of placement on the Dean's List at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for the 2013 Fall semester. To achieve this honor, a student must carry 12 or more credits that semester and have a 3.5 grade point average or above.

Two locals honored at Clark University

Dana J. Ferranti, of Wilmington, Mass., has been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2013 semester.

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.79, of a maximum of 4.3.

Also, Hannah E. Yore of Tewksbury, Mass., has been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2013 semester.

To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

Four Wilmington students honored at Plymouth State

The following students have been named to Plymouth State University's President's List.

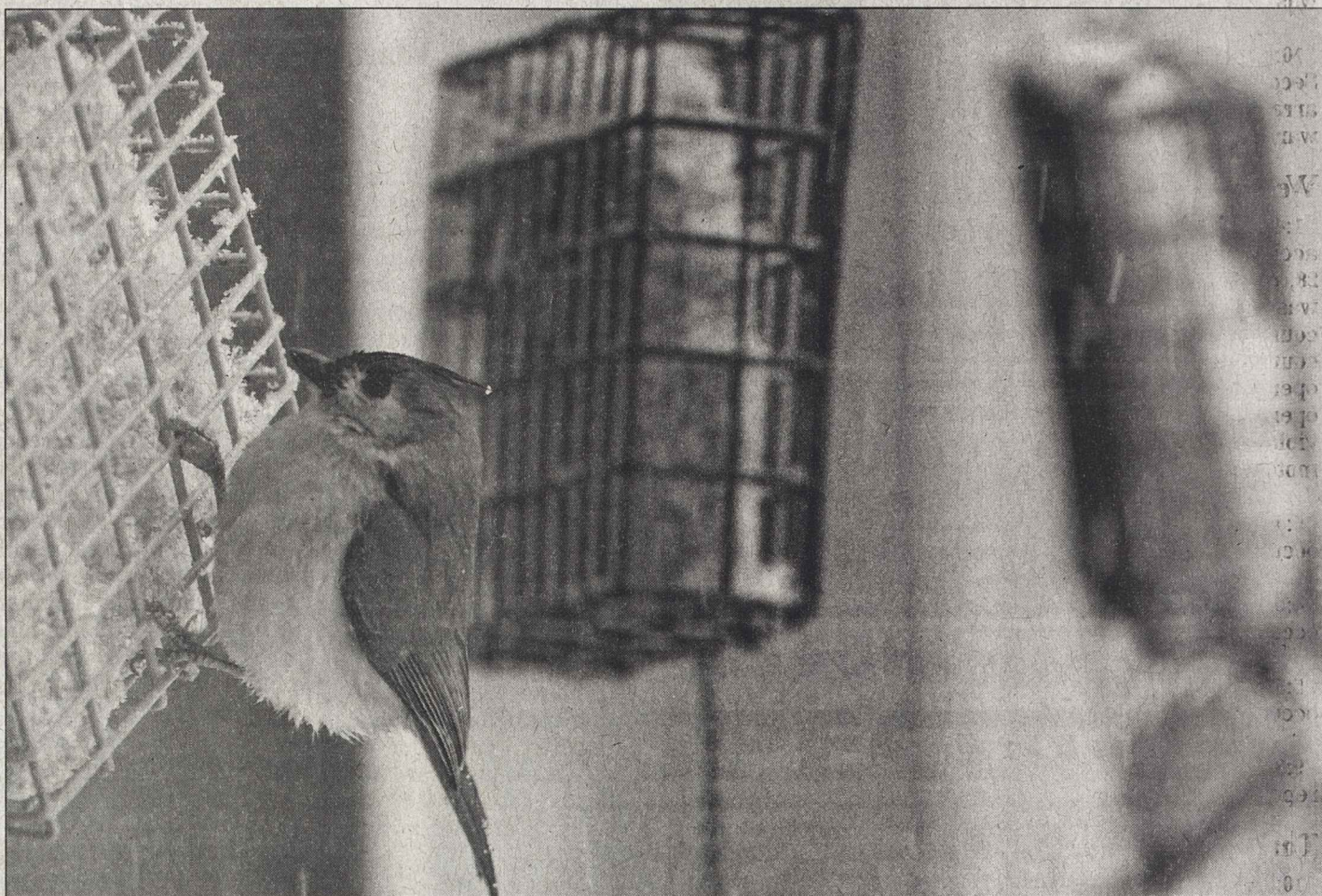
To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the fall semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

These credit hours must be in courses that earn grade points and the student must have completed all such

courses attempted.

Making the grade from Wilmington includes: Amanda Hollenbeck, Hannah Kelly, Jessica Vigneau and Timothy Woodland.

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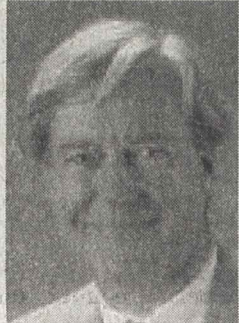
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Tewksbury Library Notes

by Diane Giarrusso

See Popular Films for Free

The Tewksbury Public Library holds free film screenings every Monday morning at 10:30am, every Friday night at 7pm, and occasionally on Saturday nights at 7pm. The library provides a complimentary candy bar, bowl of popcorn, and bottle of soda or water to each moviegoer. Due to limited seating, reservations are required. To reserve a seat, call 978-640-4490 x 205, email rhayes@mvlc.org, or register using the library's online calendar of events. Screenings are sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library and the Tewksbury Lions Club.

Friday Night Films

All is Lost

On Friday, February 21 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *All is Lost*, a survival film. The film, starring Robert Redford, is about a man lost at sea. *All is Lost*, which received various nominations this award season, including a Golden Globes nomination for Redford, is rated PG-13 and runs for 106 minutes.

Gravity

On Friday, February 28 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *Gravity*, a science fiction thriller. The film, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney, is about a pair of astronauts lost in space. *Gravity*, which was nominated for Best Picture and nine other Academy Awards this year, is rated PG-13 and runs for 91 minutes.

12 Years a Slave

On Friday, March 7 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *12 Years a Slave*, a historical

drama. The film, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor, tells the real-life story of Solomon Northup, a free black man who was kidnapped, sold into slavery and worked on plantations for twelve years. *12 Years a Slave*, which was nominated for Best Picture and eight other Academy Awards this year, is rated R and runs for 134 minutes.

Nebraska

On Friday, March 14 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *Nebraska*, a comedic drama. The film, starring Bruce Dern, Will Forte, and June Squibb, involves an aging father and estranged son who travel to Nebraska to claim a million dollar sweepstakes prize. *Nebraska*, which was nominated for Best Picture and five other Academy Awards this year, is rated R and runs for 110 minutes.

American Hustle

On Friday, March 21 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *American Hustle*, a comedic crime drama. The film, starring Christian Bale, Bradley Cooper, Amy Adams, Jennifer Lawrence and Jeremy Renner, tells the story of two con-artists who are forced by the FBI to target corrupt politicians with sting operations. *American Hustle*, which was nominated for Best Picture and nine other Academy Awards this year, is rated R and runs for 138 minutes.

Tewksbury Community of Artists Member's Only Art Show

The library will not be screening a film on Friday, March 28 due to a room conflict. The Tewksbury Community of Artists will be

holding their Member's Only Art Show at the library on Saturday, March 29, 10am-3pm. This wonderful event is free and open to the public.

Saturday Special Screenings

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

On Saturday, March 8 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, a science fiction adventure. The film, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson, is based on the popular Suzanne Collins' dystopian novel with the same name. *Catching Fire*, which was the highest grossing film in the U.S. last year, is rated PG-13 and runs for 146 minutes.

Saving Mr. Banks

On Saturday, March 22 at 7pm, enjoy a screening of *Saving Mr. Banks*, a comedic historical drama. The film, starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson, tells the story of Walt Disney's attempt to purchase the film rights of author P.L. Travers' *Mary Poppins* novels. *Saving Mr. Banks*, which was selected as one of the American Film Institute's "10 Outstanding Films of 2013," is rated PG-13 and runs for 125 minutes.

Monday Morning Movies

Thor: The Dark World

On Monday, February 24 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of *Thor: The Dark World*, a superhero film. The film, starring Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, and Tom Hiddleston, is the second installment in the Thor

movie series and features Thor teaming with his brother (and arch-nemesis) Loki to save the Nine Realms from the Dark Elves. *Thor: The Dark World*, the third highest grossing Marvel film of all time, is rated PG-13 and runs for 112 minutes.

The Act of Killing

On Monday, March 3 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of the documentary, *The Act of Killing*. The film, directed by Joshua Oppenheimer, challenges ex-Indonesian death squad leaders to reenact their real-life mass killings. *The Act of Killing*, which was nominated for the Academy Award For Best Documentary this year, is unrated and runs for 115 minutes.

20 Feet from Stardom

On Monday, March 10 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of the documentary, *20 Feet from Stardom*. The film, directed by Morgan Neville, shines a light on the lives of back-up singers to famous acts. *20 Feet from Stardom*, which was nominated for the Academy Award For Best Documentary this year, is rated PG-13 and runs for 90 minutes.

The Book Thief

On Monday, March 17 at 10:30am, enjoy a screening of *The Book Thief*, a war drama. The film, starring Sophie Nélisse and Geoffrey Rush, is based on Marcus Zusak's World War 2 historical novel with the same name. *The Book Thief*, which received various nominations this award season, is rated PG-13 and runs for 131 minutes.

Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

History of American Music

Foreign/Independent Film Series

Bad Day to Go Fishing (Uruguay) *RR

Monday, February 24, 7 pm
The former strongest man on earth and his crafty manager tour small South American towns staging wrestling matches. Arriving in Santa Maria, they meet with uncommon enthusiasm - as well as a major challenge to their livelihood and their friendship.

String Art *RR

Tuesday, February 25, 7 pm
Putting a modern touch on an old classic, Librarians Marissa and Alison will show you how to create a piece of wall art using plywood, embroidery string, and nails. Limit 15, ages 16+. All materials provided.

From Slave Spirituals to Hip Hop: The Social and Political History of American Music *RR

Wed., February 26, 7 pm
Using recorded music, film clips and still images, presenter Kevin Comtois, instructor at the Northern Essex Community College, will review the rich and complex development of music over the four centuries of post-Columbus American history and connect these strains of music through examining their

social and political context.

Couponing

Monday, March 3, 12 noon.
Drop in to swap coupons and trade saving tips

Needleworks

Friday, March 7, 10 am
Calling all who knit, crochet, quilt, etc. The library is forming a new Needleworks group that will meet Friday mornings at 10am. Bring your project and work away while enjoying an hour or two of conversation and camaraderie. Tea and cookies provided. Please register for the first meeting. Drop in thereafter.

Adult Crafts & DIY *RR

The Art of Collage

Saturday, March 8, 10 am
Recreate an impressionist painting by Leonid Afremov using cut-up magazines.

Teen Events

Green Teens: Recycled Wall Art *RR

Tuesday, March 4, 5pm
Make a bright and colorful collage on canvas to decorate your walls, using recycled materials like old magazines and books.

Teen Volunteers: March Book Buddies *RR

Friday, March 7, 3:45pm

The Book Buddies program is an opportunity for teens in grades 9-12 to earn community service hours by interacting with a young child. Teens will be paired with a child for a one-hour session once a week for four weeks. Together they will read, share a snack, and do a fun craft! Application required at wilmlibrary.org/teens/event

Teen Tech Week: Facebook

Tuesday, March 11, 2-4pm
It's national Teen Tech Week! Stop into the Teen Zone in the afternoon to pose in a 'photo booth' with fun props supplied by your Teen Librarian Alison Schwartz.

Children's Events

Infant Massage *RR

Sat., March 1, 10:30 am
Learn how to massage, relax, and soothe your newborn to pre-crawling baby. All of the techniques will be demonstrated on a doll and you will practice the strokes on your own baby during the class, taught by Sheryl White, certified Infant Massage Instructor.

Boutwell Early Childhood Education Center Night

Monday, March 3, 6-7:30 pm
Students and their families

are invited to drop in to get a library card, win raffle prizes, go on a scavenger hunt, listen to mystery readers, and more.

Greg McAdams presents I Love to Read Magic Show *RR

Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm
The whole family will enjoy this interactive show filled with magic, audience participation and an emphasis on reading! All ages.

LEGO Building

Thursday, March 6, 3:45 pm
Kids are invited to have fun building with the world-famous bricks and accessories. Ages 5+

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, March 7, 10 am
Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and more! Ages: 2-6 and one or more adults.

Book Buddies *RR

Friday, March 7, 3:45 pm
This fun literacy program pairs kids with teen volunteers for one on one reading fun. This program provides an opportunity for children to practice reading or be read to, receive one-on-one attention from a trained teen, and do a fun craft. Ages 4+.



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Bouzerdan, Jonathan
Bouzerdan, Julianne
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Callahan, Ashley
Callanan, Alexandra
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Campbell, Colleen
Carfa, Andrew
Casey, Bridget
Chmela, Nicholas
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Fillebrown, Courtney
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Hamel, Nicole
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Grade Eleven

Amaral, Justin
Anderson, Samantha
Aronson, Monica
Arsenault, Meghan
Barinelli, Anthony
Barinelli, Eva
Belloste, Sabrina
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Brown, Amanda
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Bova, Corey
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Many local students excel in the classroom at UNH

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Wilmington Residents:
Receiving Highest Honors: Megan Howland.

Receiving High Honors include: Justin Bleier, Andrew Flood, Daniel Fothergill, Adam Martiniello, Rebecca Russo and Kristen Tavares.

Receiving Honors include: Colleen Brothers, Kayla Dankese and Lindsay Hydorn.

Tewksbury Residents:
Receiving Highest Honors:

Brian Gugger, Alyssa Guida and Courtney Taber; Receiving High Honors: Vanessa Draper.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance.

Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

Twelve students recognized for excellence at URI

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that about 4,300 undergraduates have qualified for the Fall 2013 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York, New Jersey, and many other states and nations.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumula-

tion of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average.

The following students from Wilmington and Tewksbury were named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List:

From Wilmington: Katherine Blanch, Kristyn Callahan, Hayley Robarge, Gabriella Polcari, Alexa Steenbruggen and Jenna Giambrone.

From Tewksbury: Adele Boudreau, Gehane Gajjaoui, Jaime Makooi, Ashley Hebert, Phyllis Francis and Ashley Toland.

Caprio named to WPI Dean's List

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Andrea Caprio of Tewksbury, Mass., a junior majoring in civil engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2013 semester.

A total of 1,303 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's

fall 2013 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

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Wilmington is a canvas for some people.

Walter Collings took time to tag his favorite snowbank, just prior to it being obliterated by yet another storm on Thursday. We're sure his thoughts are still buried in there somewhere, though slightly jumbled now.

Photo, paint and flowers by Walter Collings



On the not-so-light side:

A Honda Element rolled on its side in front of Deli King Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Old Boston Rd. and Main St. The driver self-extricated himself without the need of the jaws of life. There was one minor injury and no hospital transport was needed. A snowstorm blew through the state dropping at times more than an inch an hour.

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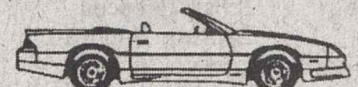
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Saving Sinatra

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"I live in Wilmington housing authority," she said. "After I pay for my rent and my utilities, I have about thirty or forty dollars left over from my SSI."

Her friend, Mary Kellogg, has been raising money.

"I know her from a life dog guardian list," she said. "She knows how much the dogs mean to me."

Morningstar was born with a mild form of spina bifida, and she needs her dog to survive.

"The kind that I have causes nerve messages to and from the brain to get lost," she said. So she needs to remember to breathe. Sometimes, when she's really focused on a task, she'll forget, and her oxygen levels will drop.

"My dogs have all been trained to pick up on that drop," she said, adding, "I am partially deaf. So, [Sinatra] can hear me start to wheeze long before I would."

"He allows me to have a normal life and not be on a respirator or in a nursing home," she said.

Morningstar, a lively woman who lived in Missouri and Kansas before coming to Wilmington in 2001, has had a service dog since she was three years old.

She's had Sinatra, a survivor of Hurricane Katrina and other storms, since 2010. She and a cousin drove down to Alabama to get him.

Since then, he has helped her to breathe, to regulate

her heartbeat, and he also keeps an eye on her when they're out walking. Morningstar uses a wheelchair for distance, but she is able to move around her apartment on her own.

"Without Sinatra, I wouldn't have a life. I wouldn't have any joy in my life. It would be just be very dull and depressing," she said. "My dog is my life, because he keeps me alive. I am me because of who he is."

She added that Sinatra can often detect changes that a machine cannot. Once, she recalled, she was in the hospital, and her oxygen levels started dropping so quickly that the monitor was unable to it. Her dog knew what was going on, though.

"Without him, I don't exist, because there's no machine that can adequately alert me," she said.

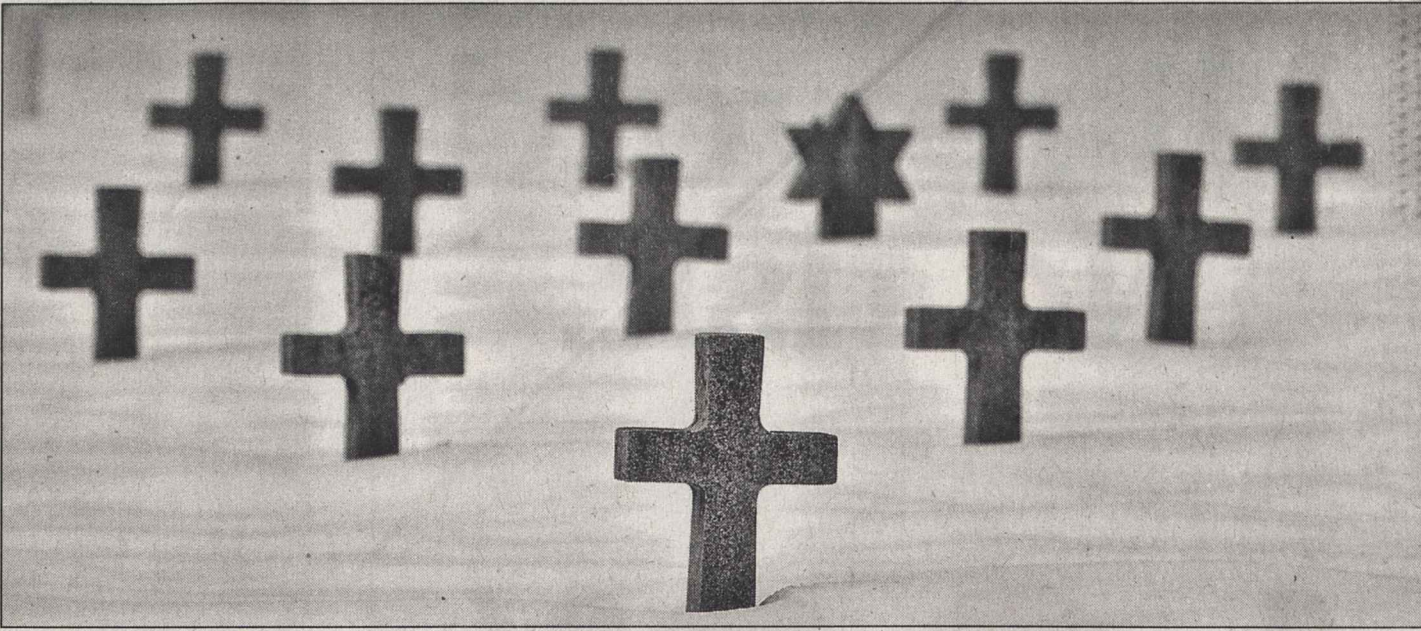
Kellogg, who raises dogs and who first told Morningstar that Sinatra needed to be taken to a veterinarian immediately, said "[animals] are a whole lot smart and more intuitive than people give them credit for."

Service dogs "do many, many services people don't expect," she said.

She said they've raised about \$900 thus far, and she was happy to lend Morningstar a hand.

"That's all that matters—people ought to be helping people," she said.

Interested donors can send money here: <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/sinatra-the-service-dog/137084>.



The crosses at the soldiers' lot at Wilmington's Wildwood Cemetery, stand half buried in snow, in silent remembrance.

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School Committee wary of PARCC

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students who have trouble taking tests. A special education teacher who was present at the meeting asked whether PARCC would accommodate students who have such needs.

Commissioner Mitchell Chester said that the students, rather than receive a diploma, would instead be granted a certificate of completion, which he argued would help them be competitive in the job market.

"That's alarming," Byrnes said.

Superintendent Joanne Benton, as well as the rest of the School Committee, thanked Byrnes for her efforts. They shared her concerns.

"Wilmington will never be able to afford the technology [PARCC] requires," Benton said. "We don't have those funds."

"There are a lot of hidden costs to this program," she added.

Benton said that Committee should now be focused on pushing for funding.

"This is very concerning to me as a part and as a school committee member," said Manny Mulas.

Committee Chairwoman Peggy Kane said that Wilmington should be "tactical" about how it proceeds. She suggested joining with a bigger force.

If Wilmington were the sole district, it could get unfairly singled out or criti-

cized, she said.

She said other school committees should make their presence felt.

"MASC really needs to step up," she said.

Byrnes, later in the meeting, said that the Common Core reforms "will potentially shoot public education in the foot."

In addition to Byrnes and other school committee representatives, Rep. Ken Gordon, Margaret Wilson, Rep. Jim Miceli's assistant, Senator Bruce Tarr, and Superintendent Ciampa also attended and participated in the meeting.

Honors

Two locals honored by Curry College

Curry College is proud to announce that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 Semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 G.P.A., have no incompletes, and have no grade

lower than a "C" for the semester. Full-time students must carry 12 or more graded credits for the semester.

Making the grade from Wilmington include Thomas Letellier and Shannon McHugh.

McMahon graduates from Clemson

Theresa Marie McMahon of Wilmington graduated from Clemson University Dec. 19, 2013, with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

McMahon was among more than 1,100 students

who received degrees from President James F. Barker, who presided over his final graduation ceremony before stepping down after 14 years at the helm of the university.

Keating top of the list at Endicott

Endicott College is pleased to announce that Katrina Marie Keating is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith Keating of Wilmington, MA has been named to the Dean's List from the Fall 2013 semester.

Katrina is a Freshman majoring in International

Studies.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C", and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

UML tabs Brothers to Dean's List

Ryan Brothers of Wilmington was recently recognized for achieving academic distinction at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Brothers, majoring in criminal justice, was named to the Dean's List at UMass Lowell for the fall 2013

semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List at UML, a student must have completed no fewer than 12 graded credits for the semester and earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no grade lower than C without any incompletes.

D'Ambrosio makes Dean's List

Stonehill College recently named Wilmington resident Michaela M. D'Ambrosio, a member of the Class of 2016, to its Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester.

To qualify for the Dean's

List at Stonehill, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Diorio makes the grade

Nicole Diorio, a resident of Wilmington, MA, has been named to the Fall 2013 Champlain College Dean's List for academic achievements and achieving a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Diorio is

majoring in Early Childhood/Elementary Education.

Since 1878, Champlain College has provided career-focused education to students from its hilltop campus in Burlington, Vt.



At the Wilmington Public Library Craft event Tuesday, 4-year-old twins Katherine and Jennifer Corby show off the giraffe puppets they created.

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Fun on the Fourth

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ished attendance at Fun on the Fourth events, particularly on evenings without a fireworks display. In many cases, by the time the bands were done playing the only people left on the Common were committee members.

This year, due to construction on the new high school, town officials determined that site was not conducive to hosting the fireworks display either. An alternate location has not been found, in part because state regulations regarding fireworks offer strict guidelines for setbacks and safe distances.

Last Tuesday night representatives of the two dozen non-profit organizations that participate in Fun on the Fourth met with the Committee to talk about events of the last six months, and the years leading up to that.

"We also want to get a sense from the groups about what they would be looking for from us in terms of continuing the celebration," said Scott Garrant, Chair of the fourteen-member Fourth of July Committee. "We don't want to see the celebration that we've become accustomed to go away."

Garrant said that the consensus in the room and the feedback from the groups was that, without a carnival and without a fireworks display, it's not a viable event.

The non-profits use the event as fundraising opportunity to support scholarships, meals for seniors, and other outreach programs that directly give back to the community.

"Understandably, you have to make it viable for people to want to come down. There are too many alternatives out there. Families will go to other towns that have events if they are not here in Wilmington," said Garrant.

Selectman candidate Mark Nelson has created a Facebook page, with 815 "likes", proposing multiple different

options for fireworks in town, but the committee has not had any formal discussion about those ideas to date.

Tewksbury Selectman David Gay invited Wilmington officials to come to the Public Events and Celebrations committee meeting in Tewksbury last Monday to ascertain if there is a way the communities could collaborate on a joint Fourth of July event. Kendra Amaral, Assistant Town Manager, attended as well as members of Tewksbury's Patriotic Activities committee.

"The Tewksbury Committee was very positive, gracious, and creative about the potential for a combined celebration. However, given the commitment and available opportunities to still host a 4th of July celebration as a community in Wilmington, there will be no official effort to coordinate a combined celebration," explained Amaral in an email to the Town Crier.

"Tewksbury deserves a great deal of credit for picking up on the news about the celebration and offering to ensure Wilmington families can come together and celebrate the 4th."

Next Wednesday at 7 PM at Town Hall, members of the Fourth of July Committee and non-profit community groups are invited to a meeting with Hull where he hopes to lobby members to reverse their decision to cancel the event altogether.

In the invitation letter Hull states that both the town and the Fourth of July Committee knew two years ago that the fireworks would not happen in 2013 due to construction on the new high school.

"Due to the one-year delay in construction caused by the project appeal, it was possible to hold fireworks in 2013. The construction of the project is expected to be at a stage in June/July of 2014 that it would have been in

June/July 2013 but for the appeal. The fact that fireworks will not be occurring at this site in 2014 should not be unexpected," writes Hull.

Representatives from the Fire, Police, Public Works and Public Buildings departments will be in attendance at Wednesday's meeting to answer questions.

"There continues to be a strong interest in celebrating Independence Day in some manner as a community in 2014. I am committed to supporting an effort to make that happen, and sincerely hope that with a complete understanding of the details the Fourth of July Committee will reconsider its December 10, 2013 decision to not participate in the planning," writes Hull. "The long history of quality celebrations around the July 4th holiday is a testament to the Committee's tremendous commitment and expertise. That commitment and expertise is needed to ensure the community has a fun and safe 2014 celebration."

Hull has set aside \$15,000 in the FY2015 budget for Fourth of July activities.

The Fourth of July Committee has discussed reducing the number of nights of events down to two, and Garrant says Fiesta Shows has indicated it could provide a smaller kiddie-type carnival to the town, so long as fireworks were offered and the Board of Appeals approved it.

"We do this for two reasons; we do it for the community and to support the non-profit groups to give them an opportunity to raise monies to return back to the community," said Garrant. "If it's not viable for those groups to put in the time and effort to participate in an event, then we have to take step back and determine what direction we want to take the celebration in."

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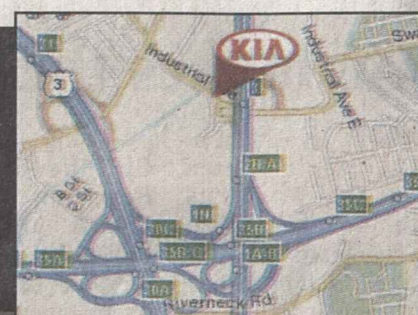
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Becomes first heavyweight to win sectional title

Larffarello makes WHS Wrestling History

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

DANVERS – When the season started in early December, Louis Larffarello was on the shelf, recuperating from surgery he had on his finger from an injury during the football season. Little did he know at the time that two months later he would be healthy and kicking some tail on the wrestling mat.

This past weekend the

sophomore became the Division 3 North Sectional Champion in the Heavyweight (285-pound) division during the two-day meet which was held at Danvers High School.

He won all three of his matches, all by pins, and is one of seven Wilmington High School wrestlers to advance to this weekend's Division 3 State Meet which will begin Friday and end Saturday at Foxboro High

School.

He is also the 16th wrestler in the history of the program dating back to 1979, to capture a sectional championship title, and the first ever to do it in the heavyweight division.

"Going into the meet I was seeded first so I was excited but also nervous," he said. "I just wanted to do my best and help the team. We have gone through some adversity, this year forfeiting two

weight classes every meet. I just wanted to make sure I stayed as calm as I could because I was really nervous especially in the finals."

Larffarello was coming off playing football where he is a two-way lineman, playing left tackle and nose guard. He mostly played JV but ended up getting in some varsity action towards the end of the season. He ended up breaking his finger which required surgery and kept him out of the wrestling lineup through the first month before returning to action on January 4th in a quad-meet.

As a freshman, he finished with a 5-14 record and this

year he just wanted to improve. Certainly that has happened as his three wins this weekend pushes his record to 11-7 on the season, as well as his first tournament championship.

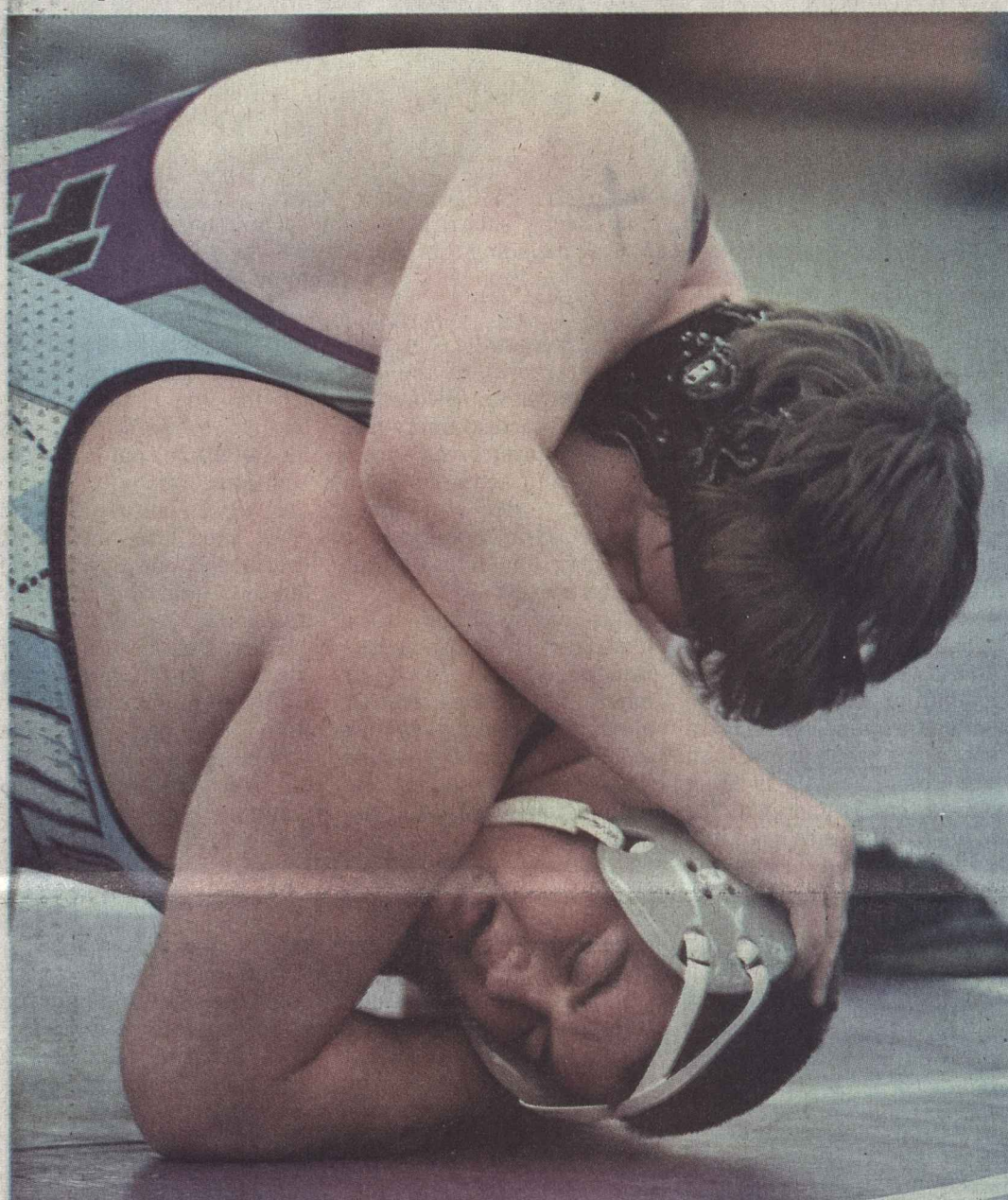
"Louis is peaking at the right time," said coach Joel McKenna. "As a staff we've seen him get better and more confident over the past month. He is wrestling with so much confidence. Louis came out late this season due to injury, so it took him a while to catch up conditioning wise and mat time wise. He's actually a student of the game. He's always asking questions and

trying to figure things out. He wants to be the best and he is becoming one of the best now."

Larffarello got things going early with a quick victory over his first opponent Alex Quinones of Minuteman Tech, pinning him at the 1:07 mark.

"I wrestled him once last year and I just tried to shoot on him and that doesn't always work out with the bigger guys," he said. "So I ended up doing a hook-and-roll move where I grab his wrist and roll him over to pin him. It's not the best

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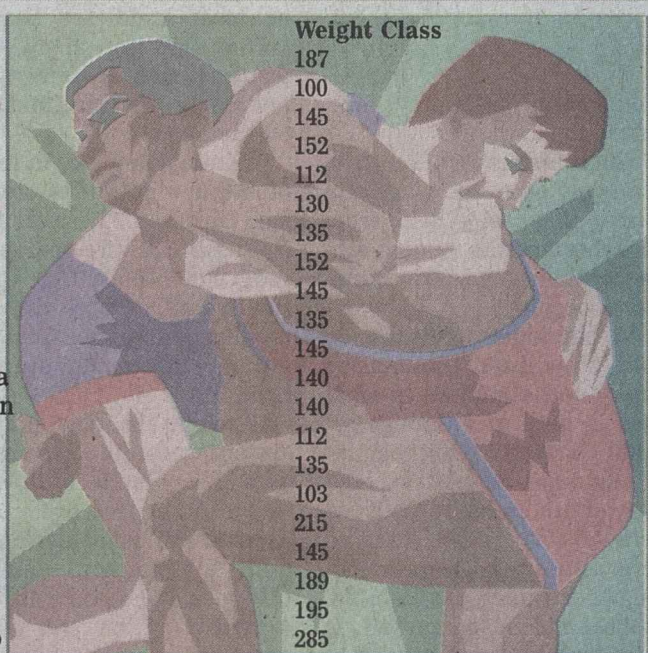


Wilmington High School sophomore Louis Larffarello, shown here during last year's season, became the 16th wrestler in the 35-year history of the program and first in the heavyweight division, to capture a sectional title championship. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Wrestling Sectional Champions

On Saturday, WHS Sophomore Louis Larffarello won a Division 3 Sectional Championship in wrestling. Below is the completed list of all of the sectional winners throughout the history of the program dating back to its inception in 1979.

Year	Wrestler	Weight Class
1980	Michael Russo	187
1981	Brian Bilmore	100
1989	Brian Murray	145
1990	Brian Murray	152
1995	Bill Tate	112
1997	Bill Tate	130
2001	Derek Hanley	135
2001	Marc Sollazzo	152
2002	Derek Hanley	145
2003	Roman Walsh	135
2003	Derek Hanley	145
2004	Anthony Almeida	140
2005	Michael St. Aubin	140
2006	Nathan Clapp	112
2006	Evan Walsh	135
2007	Steve Sughrue	103
2008	Ken Joyce	215
2011	Sean Adams	145
2011	Alex Furlong	189
2012	Alex Furlong	195
2014	Louis Larffarello	285



By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

ROXBURY – Last year he finished second in a higher division with a better throw than he did on Saturday, yet this time he was crowned a champion.

Wilmington High School senior Eli Jennings continued his torrid career by winning the Class D Championship in the shot put by throwing 50-07.50 to outlast his friendly competitors Ryan Desmarinus of Westwood (49-10.50) and Ryan Richards of Pembroke (49-00.50).

This is the first class championship for Jennings in the shot put, while he won a discus title during the outdoor season last year.

As always winning a title is never easy and this certainly wasn't a piece of cake. Jennings was seeded second, and through the preliminary round he was fourth. Then before the finals, coach Mike

Kinney approached Jennings and told him that he had to take a different approach.

"He told me that I had to be more aggressive and lay everything on the line," said Jennings.

By being more aggressive, the coach wanted Jennings to spin faster and rely more on his power and strength than his balance and technique. That seemed to have worked.

"Both of us know that I have the power to throw very far," he said. "Usually I don't take a warm-up throw (once the finals begin) because I'm already warm and I took one with the aggressive approach and I threw it 50 feet and several inches and the best throw I had in the preliminary round was 48 feet-something."

So after that warm-up throw, Jennings was ready for the finals. In his first throw he actually lost his

balance and threw 47 feet, but then he regrouped and threw a beauty on his second attempt, which was the winning mark of 50-07.50.

"I thought that would be enough to win it," he said. "There were still three kids left to throw after me but I was praying that wouldn't beat me. They didn't as none of them were able to throw 50 feet."

Last year Jennings finished second at the Class C Meet with a throw of 52-05 and the year before that as a sophomore, he was fourth in Class C throwing 49-09.75. He said this title caught him for a surprise because he said he's been battling with inconsistent throws lately.

"I almost felt like I couldn't believe it," he said. "I have been in such a slump for so long and haven't been able to throw 50 feet for a while. My adrenaline was really

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WHS Senior Eli Jennings at the podium after winning the Class D Shot Put Championship title. It's his second career championship, also winning an outdoor title in the discus.

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Part 3 of a Series

A look into the football program, past and present

This is the third part of the series involving the WHS Athletic Department. This story concentrates on the WHS Football program.

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Fair or unfair, the sport of football, gets much more attention, publicity and scrutiny than any other sport. There are many reasons for this including: there's one game per week; it's the most physical and demanding sport, especially at the high school level; games bring out more fans, brings in more money and coaches are paid more than other high school coaches; there are more paid contract workers than any other sport whether it's doctors, police officers, game officials, press box officials, concession stand workers, ticket takers, site directors, EMTs, reporters, etc.; it's the only sport that has a halftime show with cheerleaders and band performers; and in Wilmington, it's a sport that has a long enriched tradition, dating back to World War I days which that this town embraces, follows attracts more than three thousand fans for one game held every Thanksgiving morning.

The WHS Football program has certainly had its ups-and-downs through its long history especially when athletics returned to the school officially in 1935 after the Great Depression years. The program has competed in at least four leagues with the Lowell Suburban League, The Merrimack Valley Conference, the Cape Ann League and now the Middlesex League.

The program played its games at the Town Park through 1956 and since 1957 the games have been held at Alumni Field. It's believed that the program has had ten coaches from 1935 including Johnny Grinnell, Harold Driscoll, Anthony DeToso, Paul Carpenter, Fred Bellissimo, John Ritchie, Ed Harrison, Gerry Sullivan, Bob Almeida and current head coach Mike Barry.

The Championship Years

Wilmington had its share of tremendous seasons. In 1948 under then head coach Paul Carpenter, the team enjoyed its second undefeated season.

Then in 1961 the team won its first Lowell Suburban League Championship finishing 8-0-1, and then finished 9-0 the following year before being named the Class C Champions in 1962. Two years later the team competed in the MVC and won league titles in 1967, 1968, 1972 and then in 1976 where the team advanced to the Eastern Mass Super Bowl and was defeated by Lynn Classical.

The program then didn't compete for a league title until the athletic program shifted to the Cape Ann League starting in the fall of 1995. From 1996 to 2007, the Wildcats won 103 games, including five league titles (one solo in 2004 and four shared in 1999, 2000, 2006 and 2007) and also competed in its first post-season game in 28 years losing to Hingham in the Division 2 playoffs back in that 2004 season.

Through the history of the program, Wilmington has not won a playoff game.

Throughout its history, the program has had many outstanding players and the list goes on and on, but Mike Esposito and Jack Bowen received the most attention and the two of them are the only players to have their uniform numbers retired. Esposito went on to play at Boston College and then in the National Football League and Bowen went on to play at Wyoming University.

The last 20 years

From 1990 to 1994, the football program was basically at the bottom of the barrel in terms of wins, in terms of

number of athletes and in terms of overall morale. Before Bob Almeida came on as coach in 1996, the program's previous best finish was in 1989 when Harrison guided a team that had 21 players on it to a 5-5 record including a last second dramatic win on the road against Lowell.

Several years later, the athletic department decided it would no longer play the top teams of the MVC such as Central Catholic and Chelmsford and shortly after that decision, Wilmington officially moved from the MVC to the Cape Ann League. Gerry Sullivan coached the team in its first season in the CAL to a 4-6 record, before Almeida came on in 1996 and guided the team to a 9-2 season.

From 1996 to when he resigned following the 2007 season, Almeida had a record of 103-29-1 and fell 19 wins shy of breaking the program's all-time win mark by Hall of Famer Fred Bellissimo. Almeida coached guys like current Hall of Famers Sean Kerrigan and Eric Banda, and players like Jamie Campbell, Bobby French and Ernie Mello, who went on to play at a high level at the collegiate ranks.

Since then, Mike Barry has taken over as head coach. He just completed his sixth year as head coach and has a career record of 36-29. His teams had a combined mark of 25-8 in the last three years competing in the Cape Ann League before going 6-4 in its first season in the Middlesex League which included a 4-1 mark against small school opponents and a second place finish.

The last two years have been very rough as the team has combined for a 5-17 record.

Barry was asked about the switch in league competition

Wilmington left the CAL, North Andover followed but Saugus was brought in. The league has gone back to its two divisions with Pentucket, Masconomet, Newburyport, Triton, North Reading and Saugus in the large, and Lynnfield, Manchester-Essex, Amesbury, Hamilton-Wenham, Ipswich and Georgetown in the small.

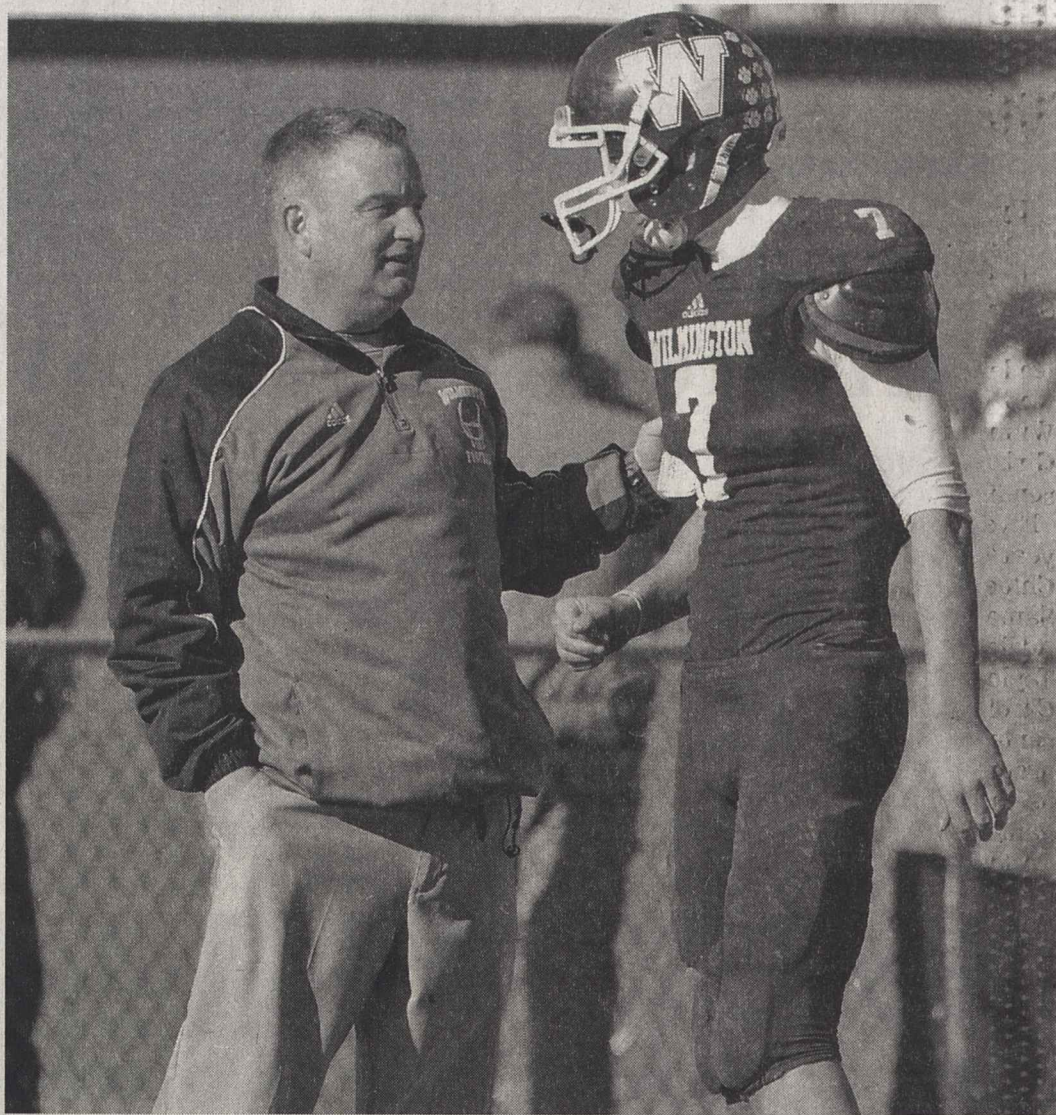
Now in the Middlesex League, the Wildcats are competing in the Freedom Division along with Melrose, Wakefield, Watertown and Stoneham, while the larger school division consists of Lexington, Belmont, Woburn, Winchester, Reading and Arlington.

"Geographically (the Middlesex League) is much better," said Barry. "Travel is a lot shorter which allows our fan base to support us on the road. Over time, we should be able to develop some good rivalries."

Changes In the Game

Since 1935, so many things have changed with the game of football, especially here locally in Massachusetts and of course in Wilmington. The Athletic Program took on the nickname of the "Wildcats", and besides changing leagues several times, the football program has also changed uniforms, added the new field turf this past year, while the MIAA implemented the new playoff system. On top of that, health and safety has taken over a completely new level of importance.

In the last decade, concussions have taken over sports and rightfully so it should. Doctors know so much more now than ever before about head injuries and football injuries have certainly taken its toll. Athletic Trainers, coaches, athletes and school officials have and are forced to take classes and clinics on



In six years as head coach, Mike Barry, shown here with current quarterback James O'Regan, has a career record of 36-29, including this year's three-win season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

role (including) Billy Martin, Kate Doherty, Stephanie Davis and presently Ryan Dolan, have all been outstanding.

"The fall and the spring (sports seasons) have multiple games scheduled at the same time," continued Harrison. "Having one trainer can be difficult at times to schedule what game to attend. We can not start a football or ice hockey game without a trainer/EMT present. Days when more than one varsity activity is being played, our trainer will try to get to all games even it is

then Somerville in the loser's bracket of the new playoff system. Before the last two seasons, Barry was averaging over seven wins a season and featured great players like Stephen Stewart, Evan Butters, John Moriarty and John Parsons to name a few.

This year and last year the team has had many inexperienced players in many important positions and that along with playing against much better caliber teams has made it tougher for Wilmington to pull off winning seasons.

This year's high school football season added a new and confusing wrinkle to the scheduling process with the addition of the new playoff system. The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Football Committee - driven by Catholic School coaches and athletic directors - came up with a new plan which ultimately crowned a true state champion in each division. Teams were divided up into different divisions. Wilmington was bounced back and forth from a number of different divisions.

School officials wanted the Wildcats to be placed in Division 3 Northwest along with six other Middlesex League, but were finally put in Division 3 Northeast with no other Middlesex League teams. Harrison along with former principal Eric Tracy and Barry protested and lost on the appeal.

"Wilmington is not in favor of the new playoff system," said Harrison. "We were told that this is a two-year pilot program. I hope that after two years, there will be another vote to see how the entire state feels at that time."

Although the new playoff system was a hit in terms of gate receipts according to the MIAA, there are many flaws in the new playoff system. Wilmington entered this year's playoffs with a 3-4 record which was good enough for the No. 7 seed in the eight-team format. In the playoffs, the Wildcats were defeated by all three teams it faced Marblehead and then Danvers and Somerville in the loser's bracket.

Then finally, Wilmington played Tewksbury on Thanksgiving and was defeated. Tewksbury meanwhile, won the D3 Northeast Sectional title with a win over Marblehead in the finals, before beating Wilmington and then topping Melrose in the semifinals and Plymouth South for the state championship.

"I have many issues with the MIAA and this process," said Harrison. "When the football committee sent out possible alignments by divisions and sections, we were

the only division three team from the Middlesex League put into the Northeast section. We petitioned the MIAA to be put into the Division 3 Northwest League and we won our appeal but a short time later the MIAA overturned our appeal and did not notify us of their decision."

Wilmington hosted two of the three playoff games with Danvers and Somerville. And both home contests brought few fans. There was no rivalry between the two teams and honestly it made high school football a farce because it was two unfamiliar teams playing a game that literally meant nothing to both sides.

"In the new system if your community is winning in the playoff system, it is great," said Harrison. "But if you lose, it is the complete opposite. There is more travel, lost revenue from gate receipts and you play meaningless games. In week ten we played Somerville and took a loss - revenue wise - for the day. I would rather play teams from the Middlesex League in the loser's bracket than teams that there is no interest."

After the 2014 Football season is completed, the MIAA Football Committee is supposed to meet, discuss the current system and its flaws, and take another vote to see if it will continue or things will go back to the original way where only league champions advance to post-season play.

One of the problems of the new playoff system is it takes away from the Thanksgiving rivalries because teams are sometimes forced to play each other more than one time during the eleven week season. Wilmington and Tewksbury didn't face each other in the playoffs, only on Turkey Day and Harrison was asked if the game with the Redmen is in jeopardy.

"I would hope it's not in danger," said Harrison. "I wouldn't think so. Tewksbury had a great team this year and won the Division 3 Super Bowl. I thought we played them very well during the Thanksgiving game. I believe the game still has meaning and there's more to it than just a football game."

Next week the series will continue with an outlook of the athletic department's coaching staff through Harrison's tenure.

CORRECTION

In last week's article, it said that the WHS Boys Basketball team won the MVC title in 1988, when it was 1987.



Concussions and football injuries have really taken its toll over the years, not just in Wilmington but across the country. (AP Photo).

going from the CAL to the very competitive Middlesex League.

"So far, the move to the Middlesex League has been good for us," he said. "But it's only been three years. In 2011, our first year in the league, we finished in second place and this year we finished tied for third. We are playing good teams every week, as an example, every team in the Middlesex Freedom Division qualified for the playoffs this past season."

Fair or unfair, Wilmington Football took a serious knock competing in the Cape Ann League because it was so top-heavy. If you didn't match up against Masconomet, North Andover or Pentucket, it was all but an "automatic" win as teams like Triton, Amesbury, Hamilton-Wenham, Lynnfield, Ipswich, North Reading and Newburyport (after the late 1990s) weren't much competition for the top four teams year in and year out, while some teams like North Reading and Lynnfield decided not to play any of the bigger teams much like Wilmington did back in the late years in the MVC.

Now the switch to the ML has not only brought on much better competition, but it's a better fit for Wilmington geographically. Meanwhile since

concussions. According to the MIAA website, "To help recognize a concussion, (athletic trainers and coaches) should watch for and ask others to report the following two things among your athletes: 1. A forceful bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that results in rapid movement of the head; 2. Any concussion symptoms or change in the athlete's behavior, thinking, or physical functioning."

"Athletes who experience one or more of the signs and symptoms listed after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body should be kept out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says they are symptom-free and it's OK to return to play."

Almost every high school has just one athletic trainer. That's the case in Wilmington with Ryan Dolan. Dolan has to attend every football game, varsity, junior varsity and freshmen, and as well as every home ice hockey game. Besides that he's just one man who rotates through the other sports.

"Wilmington has hired Pro Ex Physical Therapy for our Training Services," said Wilmington Athletic Director Ed Harrison. "We have been lucky to have quality individuals in this

for twenty to thirty minutes."

Since Dolan and Harrison can only be at one place at a time, they seek help from coaches and the student-athletes when concussion symptoms occur.

"A big topic of discussion lately has been concussions and I feel confident in what we do here in Wilmington," said Harrison. "Our coaches know what to look for and have been on board with the procedures and keeping everyone in the loop including the trainer, the parents, school nurse and myself. It has become truly a case of 'let's be safe rather than sorry.'"

Harrison was asked about the safety of the football helmets and responded with, "Our football helmets are all top quality. We buy from Ridell, which has the National Football League contract."

Current Program

Before the last two years, Mike Barry reeled off four straight winning seasons. But the past two years has been very tough with just five wins, including a 3-8 record this season with one league win coming against Stoneham and old pal Almeida. The other wins came against Arlington Catholic (non-league) and

Girls Hockey team keeps up winning ways

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**
Sports Correspondent

It seemed fitting that Saturday was Senior Night, since after all it's been the leadership of the seniors who have helped turn the Wilmington High School Girls' Hockey team's season around.

Five members of this year's team including Chloe Castellano, Samantha DePasquale, Adrianna Kippenberger, Taylor Perella and Caroline Robarge stood at center ice with their arms around each other, smiling as they readied their final game on Ristuccia ice.

And 45 minutes later, the group of girls helped lead Wilmington to a 3-0 victory over Stoneham in a Middlesex League Freedom Division contest. The win, added with another league win on Monday over Melrose, improved the team's record to 7-10-2 overall.

The Wildcats started out the season with a 1-5-0 record, and since have gone 6-5-2 including winning three of their last four games. But with just one game left on the schedule, the season will end as regardless of the outcome, Wilmington has been eliminated from state tournament play. Yet that doesn't take away from what the team has accomplished in the second half of the season, including Saturday's home finale.

"Our girls put more pressure on themselves," said head coach Jeff Covelluzzi. "They were nervous for

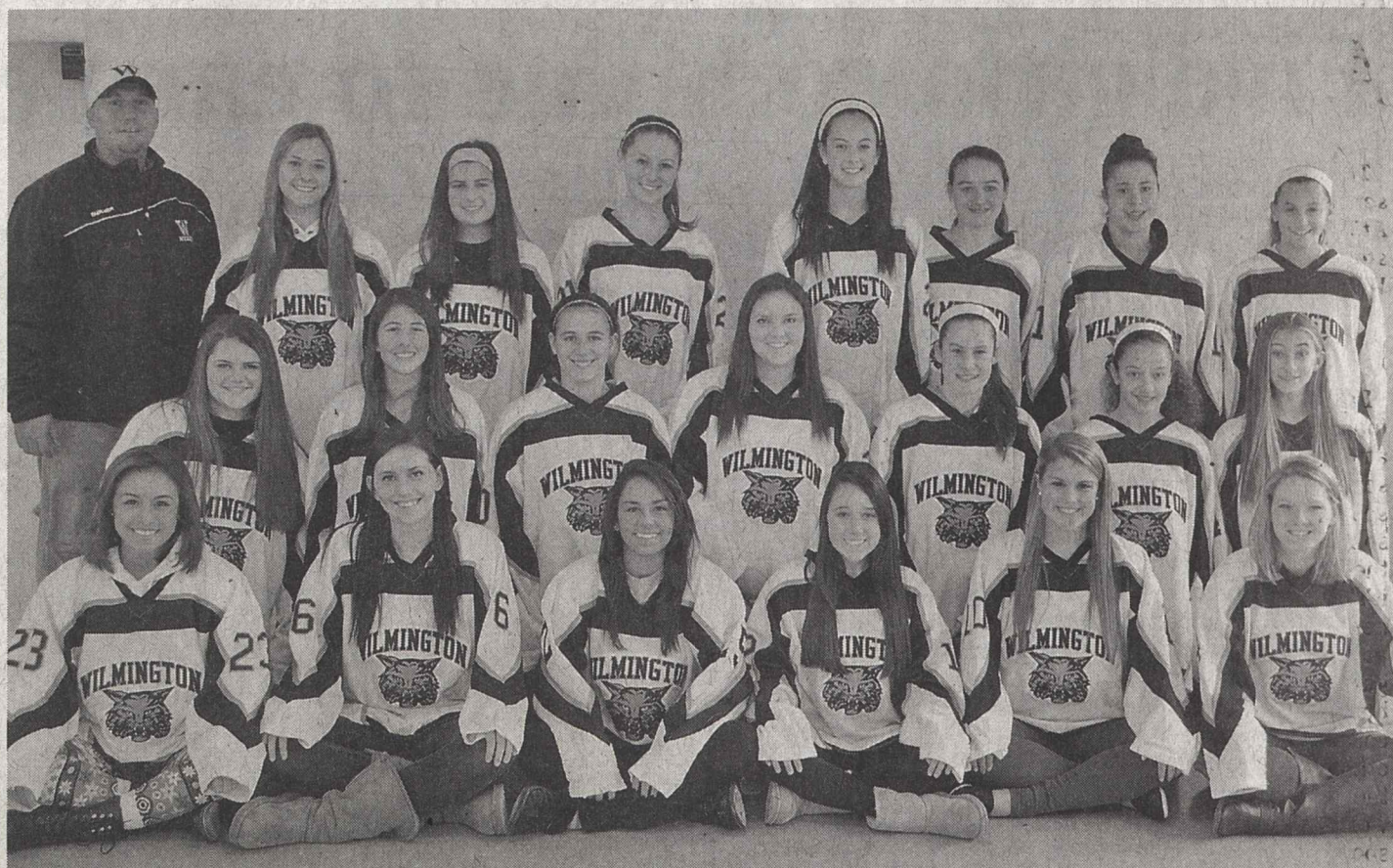
senior day, with friends and family here, and they wanted a little bit of pay-back for their last game."

Back on January 15th the two teams skated to a 1-1 tie in a very physical game, and one that Wilmington could have come away with the victory. Wildcats entered this rematch determined not to allow this to happen again. Each of the seniors had a strong night, with Kippenberger and DePasquale proving a major resource on defense, setting up offensive drives and keeping the front of the net clear of Stoneham players. This proved increasingly difficult during the intensely physical game.

"You can't control what the other team will do or what the referees will or won't call," said Covelluzzi. "Emotionally, you have to be able to keep it together, serve your time, and then get out there and play clean hockey again."

Wilmington and Stoneham were locked in a stalemate for the entirety of the first period, with Wilmington failing to take advantage of a number of offensive chances, including a power play during which the 'Cats did not manage a single shot on net. Perella and Robarge were a force to be reckoned with on offense, but could not seem to break past Stoneham's goal-tending.

Despite strong defense, Stoneham had a number of strong opportunities on



The 2013-14 WHS Girls Hockey team turned its season around winning three of its last four games and are currently 7-10-2 with one game left on the season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

net, opportunities which were repeatedly stifled by Wilmington goalie Shelby McHugh, who turned away all 22 shots to record her third shut out of the season.

The stalemate finally broke in the opening minutes of the second period. After less than two minutes of play, Stoneham flubbed a pass in front of their own net, a mistake that Castellano seized on. Castellano jumped on the mistake and fired the puck in to take the lead.

Wilmington would keep their one-goal advantage until the final seconds of the period, when Danielle Silva caught a rebound and flicked the puck past the Stoneham goaltender. An eighth grader, Silva has become an important member of the Wilmington offense, registering six goals for the season.

The final goal of the game came with 6:46 left to

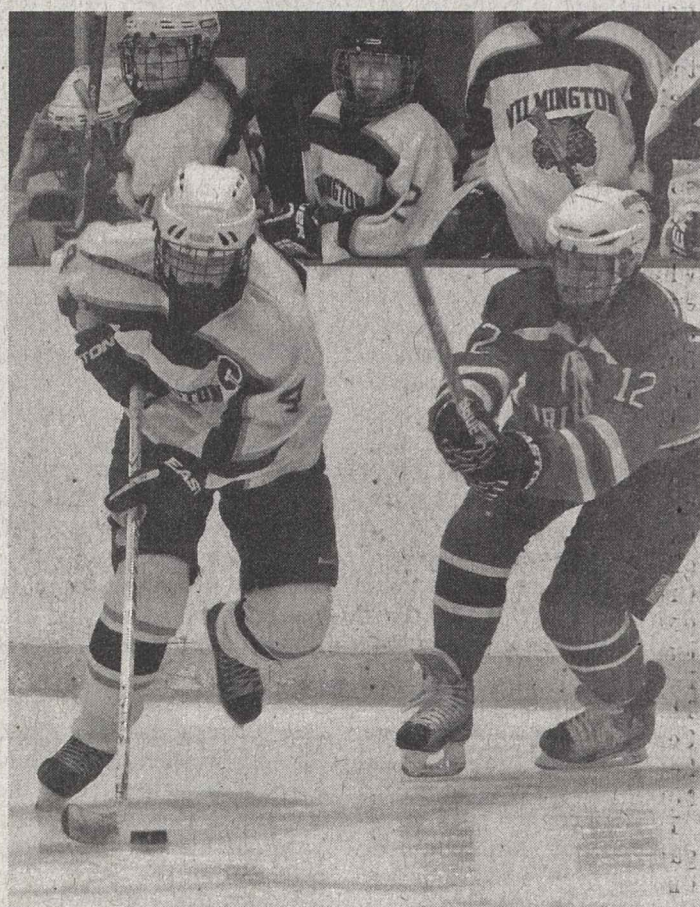
play in the third period, when strong passing carried the puck into the Stoneham zone. Eighth grader Erin Kelly swooped in and notched the goal.

On Monday, Wilmington edged Melrose, 3-2.

In their 19 games, the Wildcats have accumulated 49 goals, with Robarge leading the charge with 11 goals for the season. Nipping at her heels is Kelly, who has racked up 10 goals for the season.

While the season may have had its ups-and-downs, Covelluzzi could not have been prouder of the effort put forth by the senior girls, and all the young women who stepped out onto the ice with their Wildcat colors.

"They play hard," said head coach Jeff Covelluzzi. "They don't have that player that can skate the puck down end-to-end and put it away, but they always play hard."



Wilmington High senior forward Caroline Robarge works with the puck during a recently held Girls Hockey game. (photo by Bill Ryerson)

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Track teams compete at Class D Meet

Five girls combine to earn eleven medals

By **JAMIE POTE**
Sports Editor

ROXBURY – The Wilmington High School Girls Track-and-Field team had a superb performance at Sunday's Eastern Mass Class D Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. The Wildcats finished in seventh place out of 33 teams with 20 points and had a number of tremendous performances across the board.

The combination of Alex Bischoff, Cassie Grasso, Kelly Hartsough, Casey McFall and Julia Gake combined for all 20 of the team's points with a second place, a fourth, a sixth and two seventh places as well as a meet record and a combined eleven medals on the day.

The 4x400 relay team of Bischoff, Gake, Hartsough and Grasso had the top performance on the day by finishing with a combined time of 4:07.55, which was good for second place but also broke a meet record along with first-place winner Pembroke (4:07.35) of 4:07.69 set in 1998 by Wayland.

Bischoff, McFall, Hartsough and Grasso also placed seventh in the 4x200 relay race with a combined time of 1:50.60. Then individually, Bischoff was fourth in the 300 at 42.35, Hartsough was sixth in the 600 at 1:42.17 and Grasso was seventh in the 300 at 43.20.

"I think (assistant coach) Tracy (Botelho) did a great job working with these girls," said head coach Tom Bradley. "Cassie, Alex and Kelly each received three medals. Alex lowered her school record in the 300 and Cassie set a personal record of 43.2. Alex has been terrific all season and I have been so impressed with the effort she has brought to every event. She has been a very good runner for four years but this year she has stepped it up a great deal. Cassie has been right behind Alex in the 300 all season and they have been a terrific one-two punch.

"Kelly never ceases to amaze. She qualified for states in four events and she could have made it in one or two other distances. She ran a personal record in the 600 and she set the pace in the seeded heat. She did not

quite have enough to get the win but I salute her for the effort. I salute all three of the girls for running three events and medaling in each event they ran."

Bradley added that among the medal performances, perhaps the biggest shocker came from the 4x200 relay team.

"They lowered their time by almost three seconds," he said. "Casey McFall ran the 4 x200 with them and had a nice leg to help the cause. Casey ran the 55-meter dash all season but jumped into the 4 x200 late and showed an awful lot of ability. They now own the 4x200 record for the school. The 4x 400 was a also great race. Pembroke looked unbeatable based on seed times. The best we had run was 4:12.8. This was the third race of the day for Alex, Cassie and Kelly and they took 5 seconds off their best prior time this year. Julia Gake was the fourth runner and ran a very strong second leg to keep us right there with Pembroke. Julia is a bit of an unsung hero but as a sophomore has been a regular strong second leg for the relay team as well as winning the 600 a number of times this season. Cassie ran an always to be remembered last leg and fell short by three tenths of a second. It has been a great joy to watch them the past few years get better and better."

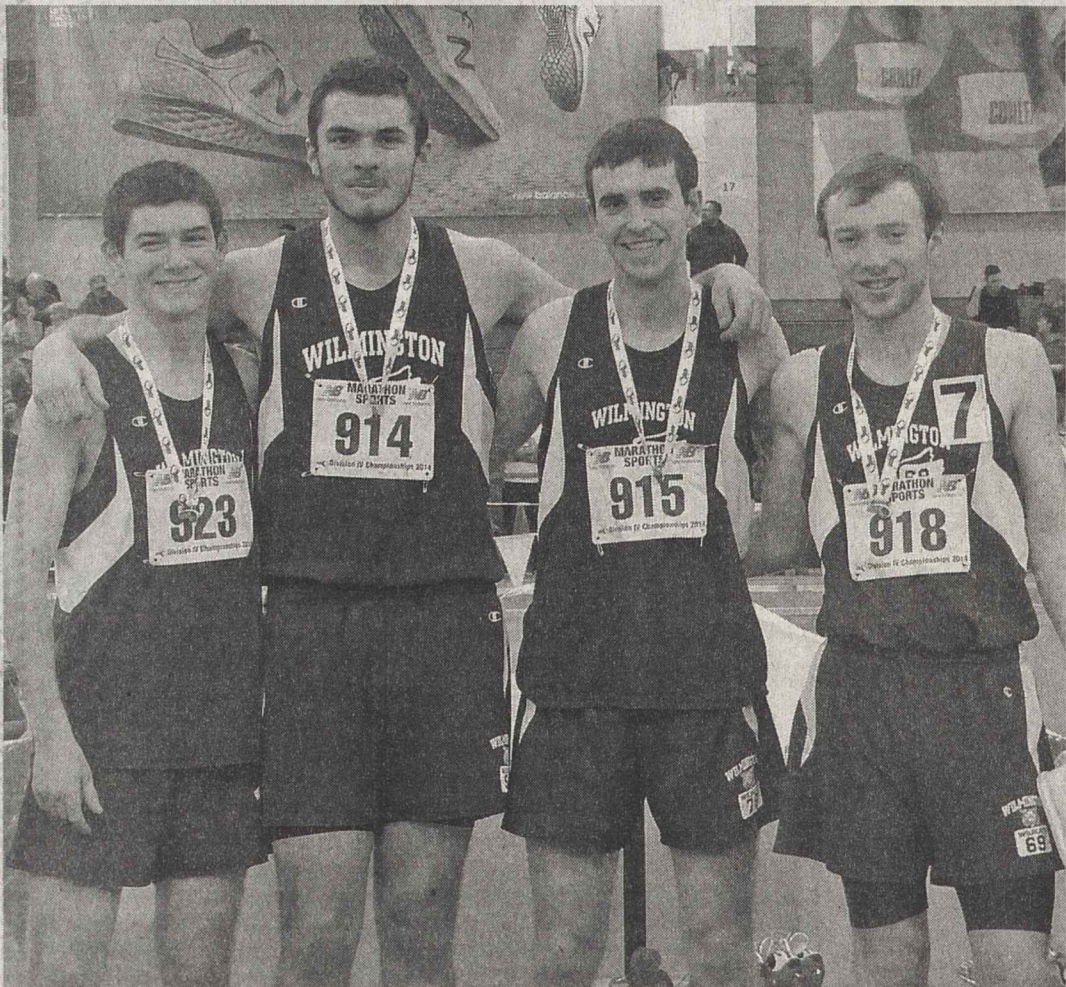
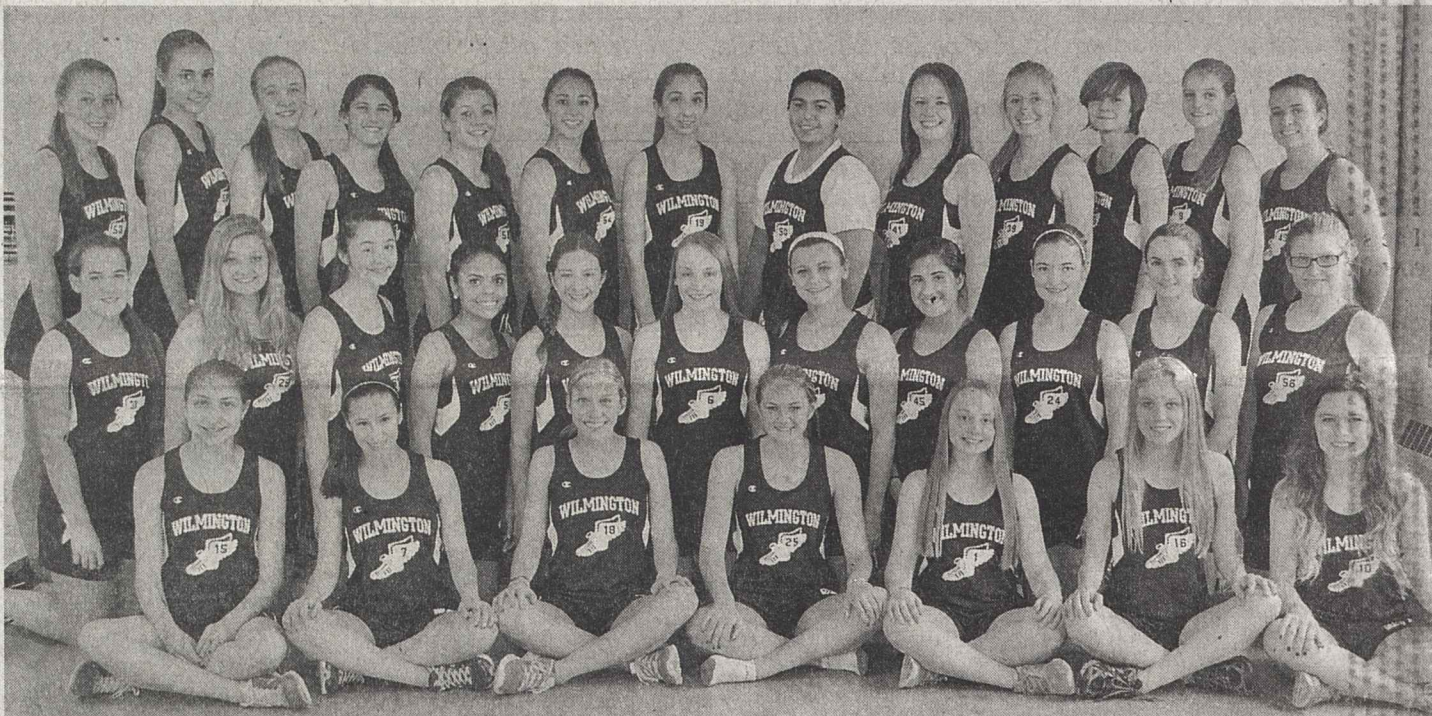
McFall also competed in the 55-meter dash and she finished 28th with a time of 7.93 seconds.

Both the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams have qualified for this weekend's All-State Meet to be held back at the Reggie Lewis Center Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am. The 4x400 team will be seeded 8th and the 4x200 team will be seeded 20th.

"The girls have no indoor facilities to train on, no track and no gym," said Botelho. "They run outside and they run in the hallways. The town of Reading has shared their facilities to run on during the states. Despite the lack of facilities the girls train hard, they are dedicated and always want to practice more. During the season they always tried to help the newer and



Above these five members of the WHS Girls Track team combined for 11 medals and scored all of the team's points during Sunday's Class D State Meet. The five girls from left include: Alex Bischoff, Kelly Hartsough, Cassie Grasso, Julia Gake and Casey McFall. And below is a picture of the entire 2013-'14 Indoor Track team. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The WHS Boys 4 x 800 relay team finished in 8th place during Sunday's Class D Meet and the team includes from left, Jared Walsh, Chris Michelangelo, Alex Pizette and Craig Smith. (courtesy photo).

WHS Hall of Fame nomination deadline

The Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has announced that the nomination deadline for this year is March 5, 2014. All nominations must be postmarked no later than the deadline in order to be considered.

Established in 1990, Wilmington's Hall of Fame honors the school's athletes, coaches, benefactors, and special contributors.

The selection process is based on the rule that the candidates for induction be evaluated on what they did in sports while at Wilmington High School exclusively. Achievements in sports while at college or at the professional level will have no bearing on the selection committee's deliberations.

To be eligible for nomination, the athletes must have participated in at least one varsity sport. Athletes nominated for the Hall of Fame must have graduated at least ten years prior to nomination.

All nominations should be sent to: Mr. Edward Harrison - WHS Athletic Hall of Fame, Wilmington High School, 159 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

younger girls. They built a winning team and as a coach I could ask for nothing more."

Also, senior Nicole Romanzo and sophomore Samantha Pitzi, will serve as the two alternates for the relay teams this weekend.

"They trained everyday for the states," said Botelho. "They are such an important part of the team. We will be hearing the name Pitzi as well next year."

BOYS RESULTS

On the boys' side, Wilmington finished with 13 points which was good for 14th place out of 36 teams. The Wildcats were led by the

performance of Eli Jennings, who was crowned the Class D Champion in the shot put throwing 50-07.50. The other place finisher came from Jared Walsh, who was seventh in the mile with a time of 4:34.51.

"Jared ran an unbelievable 4:34 in the mile and he improved his personal best time by six seconds," said coach Mike Kinney.

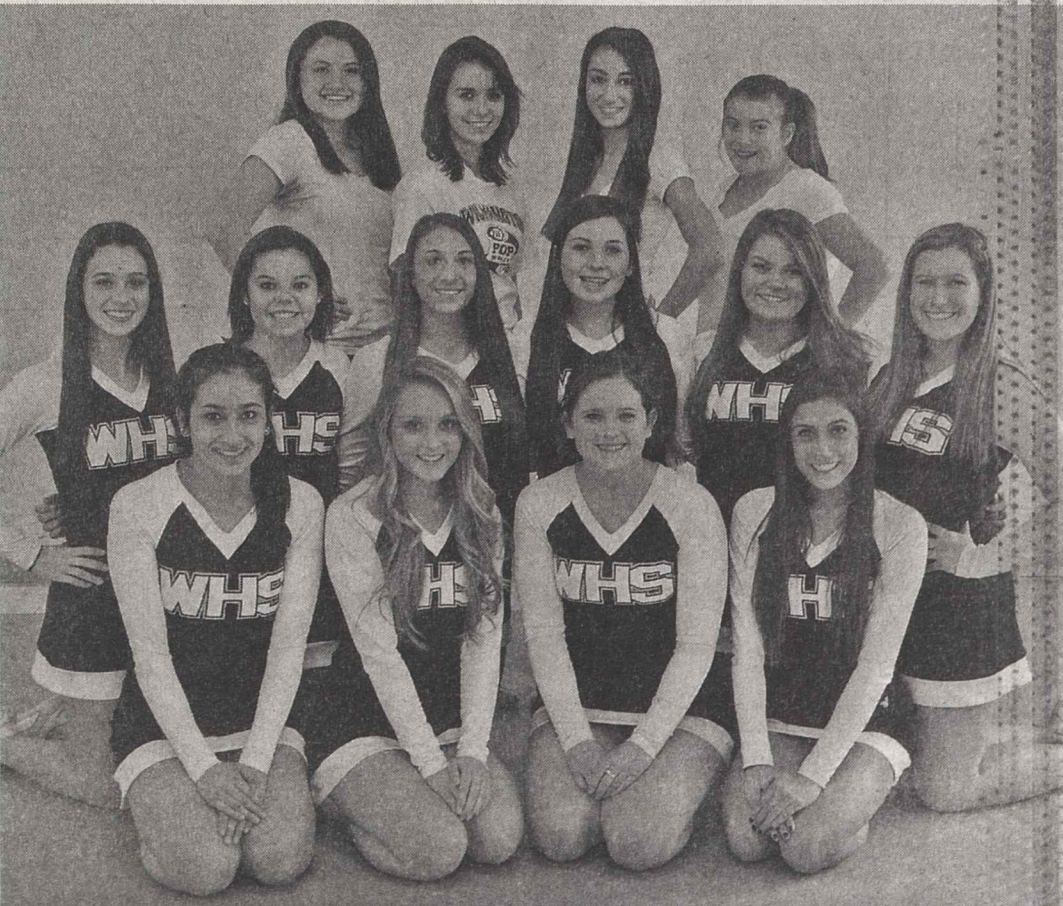
Also putting forth strong efforts included: Craig Smith (9th, 2:43.66) and Alex Pizette (12th, 2:44.54) in the 1,000; Kyle Souza (11th, 38.19) in the 300; Colin Chase (12th, 1:28.04) in the 600; Evan Sperlinga (34th, 7.07) and Connor Townsend (35th, 7.09) in the 55-meter dash;

the 4x400 relay team of Chris Michelangelo, Pizette, Smith and Walsh finished eighth with a combined time of 8:41.95.

"(The 4x800 relay) team has impressed all with their ability to overcome adversity," said Kinney. "We're so proud of the athletes' improvements and look forward to the spring season."

Finally, the 4x200 relay team of Sperlinga, Vinny Poli, Nathan Vince and Dan Bell were 28th at a combined time of 1:40.97.

Jennings will be the only member of the team to compete in this weekend's All-State Meet and he will be seeded ninth overall.



The WHS Basketball Cheerleaders as usual did a great job supporting the Boys' team this season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wildcats overtake Watertown and Stoneham

By **JAMIE POTE**
Sports Editor

STONEHAM - After completely dominating the league champion Watertown Red Raiders last Wednesday, the members of the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team walked into the arena on Monday to see the rink decorated in their blue and white colors. But the problem was, the blue and white colors were for their opponents, Stoneham, who was celebrating its "Senior Night" during Wilmington's home

game played at the Stoneham Arena.

Say what? Yup, Wilmington and Stoneham met for the second time this season. The first game was played at Stoneham Arena with Stoneham as the obvious home team.

Now the second game was scheduled Saturday but moved to Monday with the snow and this time Wilmington would be the home team despite the game being held in Stoneham.

The arena was decorated

and the parents came out to center ice for the flower exchange with their sons, the senior members of the Stoneham team (all of which was nice and classy but the point here is Wilmington shouldn't be on the road for a home game, while the opposing team celebrates its Senior Night).

So besides the pregame hoopla, a game was played and it was very mediocre. Wilmington did enough in the first two periods to take a 2-0 lead before laying an egg in the third period allow-

ing the Spartans to score a goal with 1:58 left before the Wildcats added an empty netter with 15.7 seconds left.

The win, coupled with the tremendous 4-0 win over Watertown, pushes the Wildcats to 10-2-7 overall with two games left against very good teams in Acton-Boxboro and Tewksbury.

After the regular season ends on Friday against the Redmen, Wilmington will compete in the Division 1 North Sectional tournament for the first time in program history. The Wildcats were

bumped up to D1 from D2 after protests from other schools saying that Wilmington plays a D1 schedule.

The week started with the great win over the Red Raiders, who needed to defeat Burlington on Monday to win its first Middlesex League Championship since 1985.

"That was a complete game," said assistant coach Mark DiGiovanni, who is still filling in for Steve Scanlon, who is out with a foot infection. "It was a complete team effort which is what we really need to be successful. We got on them early which was a key for us because they have a real good goalie."

"We talked about going out there and popping the first goal in, put them on their heels and we were able to do that. We played the type of hockey that we talk about all of the time - forechecking and we just played a complete team game."

Austin O'Neal paced the offense with two goals, while Brian Cavanaugh had a goal and an assist and Luke Foley and Billy Falter tabbed the other goals. John Gallasso and Domenic Malatesta picked up single assists while Drew Foley made 21 saves to record his third shutout of the season.

On Monday, Luke Foley scored two goals and DeFuria added the empty-netter while Drew Foley made 29 saves.

"Our scheduling was off a bit with the snowstorms so we were off for a bit which we're not accustomed too," said DiGiovanni. "But we came out today and talked about getting out to an early lead which we did and then Drew made some big saves down the stretch. But we had some real good opportunities that we weren't able to put in and I thought we could have easily had a few more goals."

PLAYOFF POSSIBILITIES

The playoff pairings should be announced this weekend and those teams competing in the Division 1 North and South brackets will probably have an extra lay-over waiting for the two wildcards teams from the Super-8 tournament to be eliminated and placed in the respective Division 1 bracket.

That being said depending on which teams make it to the Super-8 tournament, it appears as if possibly 13 teams have qualified for the tournament with two more possible teams.

Assuming Malden Catholic, Central Catholic, Austin Prep and St. Mary's of Lynn make the Super-8 tournament, that would leave up to 13 to 15 other teams in the section including: Medford, Arlington, Melrose, Burlington, Wilmington, Winchester, St. John's (S), Acton-Boxboro, Reading, Newburyport, Chelmsford, Waltham and Matignon. That would leave St. John's Prep and Westford Academy needing to win outright to get into the tournament.

Wilmington has faced five of the teams who have qualified including Melrose (a win and a tie), Burlington (two ties), Arlington (tie) and Winchester and Reading, who both topped the Wildcats.

All of the qualifying teams still have games left to play, which could change the seedings dramatically. Depending on how the Wildcats do in their final two games, they could be seeded anywhere from fifth to eleventh, following the two teams that get dropped from the Super-8 tourney.

Wilmington has always competed in the Division 2 North tournament, including winning the past two state championship titles.



The senior members of the WHS Boys Hockey team includes front row Drew Foley, Mike Curtis, and Brodie Curtis and back row from left, Sam D'Angelo, Jimmy Davey, Luke Foley, Cody McGowan and Austin O'Neal.

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Seven wrestlers place at D3 North Sectionals

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

DANVERS – The Wilmington High School Wrestling team had a strong performance at this past weekend's Division 3 North Sectional team tournament with a fifth place finish out of 12 teams held Friday and Saturday at Danvers High School. Lynnfield/North Reading won the team title with 192 points, followed by Wakefield (176.50), Danvers (161), Melrose (157) and Wilmington (156), before Triton, Georgetown/Ipswich, Pentucket, Saugus, Marblehead/Swampscott, Minuteman Tech and Gloucester.

The Wildcats had seven grapplers place within the top four of their respective weight class led by Louis Laffarello who was first in the 285-pound division. Nick Troy (160) and Fox Maxwell (113) were second, Alex Ropianzi, Tom Gorman and Avery Woodbury finished in third, while Matt Diorio was fourth. Mike Danciewicz placed sixth but didn't advance to this weekend's all-state meet.

"It was a great day for us as a team," said coach Joel McKenna. "We felt that we had kids peaking at the right time. The team had a great vibe all day. They were feeling it. They were wrestling hard. They weren't just going out there to win; they were going out to dominate their opponents."

The seven wrestlers have now advanced to this weekend's Division 3 state meet which will be held over two days at Foxboro High School. The finals are slated to begin around 4:30 on Saturday afternoon. The MIAA released the first round pairings and they are as follows: Fox Maxwell vs Konnor Kozubal of Holliston; Alex Ropianzi vs Daniel D'Amico of Watertown; Matt Diorio vs Bryan Williams of Coyle-Cassidy; Tom Gorman vs Chris Rojas of South Hadley; Nick Troy vs Mitch Prario of Somerset; Avery Woodbury vs James Freeman of Weston; and Louis Laffarello vs Jared Thompson of Wayland.

This past weekend those seven wrestlers all performed at a very high level and were able to stand on the podium at the end of the night as place-finishers.

At 113 pounds, Fox Maxwell finished in second place. He started off his day by beating Pat O'Boyle of Saugus (pin at 2:39) and then Michael Neff of Danvers in a close 7-6 match which put him in the finals. That's when he squared off against Ryan Stanton of Melrose and was defeated by a 13-2 score.

"Fox continued his great season. He wrestled a great semi-final match com-

ing back from being down by six points at one point," said McKenna. "He stormed back and took that match with determination. He wasn't going to be denied. It's the second time he's beaten (Neff) this season. In the finals, he wrestled Stanton who he lost to earlier in the year. Fox gave it a great battle in the finals and Stanton is tough. He was a state finalist last year and he'll be the first seed at the state tournament."

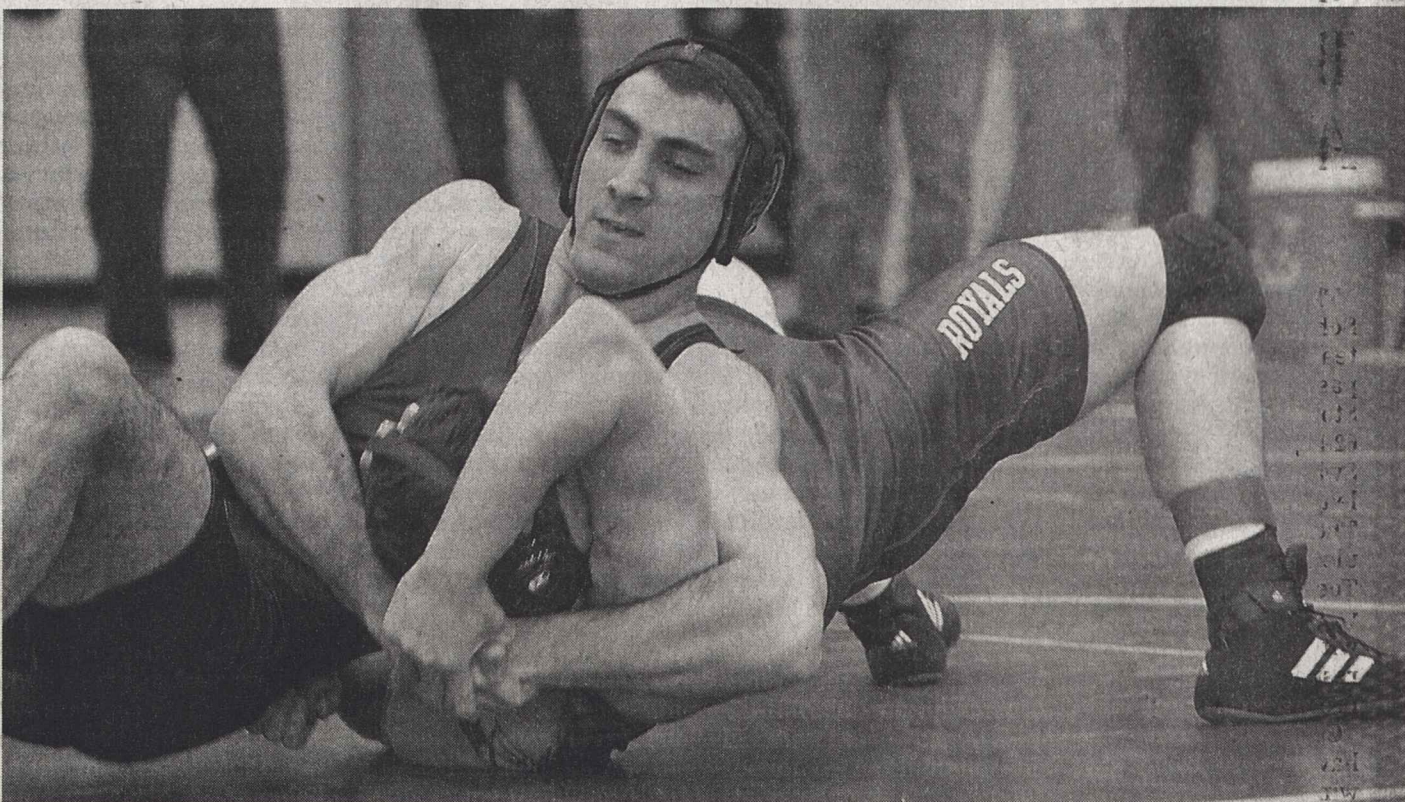
"Fox knew he wanted to accomplish big things this year. He's worked day in and day out to get to where he is at this point in the season. He is a testament to hard work and dedication having its rewards. Again to go from being a JV wrestler who was pinned in twenty seconds in his only varsity match last season, to being a sectional finalist and having a good chance to wrestle deep into the state tournament is a huge leap and it comes down to hard work having its rewards."

At 126 pounds, Alex Ropianzi finished in third place. He won his first two matches over Shannon Drager of Wakefield (4-0) and George Rodriguez of Saugus (pin at 3:22) before losing in the semi-finals to Eric Kerr of Lynnfield. That put Ropianzi in the loser's bracket where he came out with two more wins over Dylan Fountain of Danvers (pin at 1:28) and Mark Mansfield of Georgetown/Ipswich in the consolation final to earn the third place.

"Alex came into the tournament as a darkhorse," said McKenna. "He was a bit of a wild card. Sometimes it can be hard to predict what he will do. He is another wrestler who is in his first year of varsity competition. Alex had a great day. He ended up going 4-1 on the day. His only loss came to the tournament champion and one of the best kids in the state at that weight. You could see Alex gain some confidence as the day progressed and it seemed as if something clicked with him as the day went on. The deeper in the tournament he went the more physical and dominating he got. Alex peaked at the right time and he dominated his weight class to take third place."

At 132 pounds, Matt Diorio finished in fourth place going 2-2 on the day. He defeated Dan Papagelis of Danvers 7-5 before losing to the eventual sectional champ Josh Wesolowski of Pentucket, 16-0. Diorio regrouped and pinned Henry Gorill at the 4:24 mark before falling to Max Whyman in the consolation final.

"Matty came through and placed and advanced in the



Wilmington High senior co-captain Nick Troy of the Varsity Wrestling team finished in second place in the 160-pound weight division during this past weekend's Division 3 North Sectional Meet held at Danvers High. (courtesy photo).

toughest weight class at the tournament," said McKenna. "To be able to wrestle at the state tournament has been a dream for Matt for the past four years. He is hands down one of the hardest working, most deserving and one of the best kids I have ever come across in a classroom or in athletics. He deserves and has earned everything success he experiences and as a staff we couldn't be happier that he got the monkey off his back in his senior year."

"He was in a dogfight his first match out. He out wrestled a kid from Danvers who was a higher seed than he was. Matty was the fifth seed in the tournament. He needed that win to get into the semi-finals. He ran into a buzzsaw of a wrestler in the semi-finals, but then wrestled back into the consolation finals. He always wrestled tough. There is no quit in Matt no matter how much he's down by and no matter what situation he is in. He went out and took care of business."

At 138 pounds, Tom Gorman finished in fourth place. He won three of his four matches over Dan Greaney of Minuteman Tech (14-0), Chris Reale from Melrose (14-0) and Cody Nixon of Triton for third place, while losing his second match of the day to Chris Behan of Danvers by a 10-4 score.

"Tom had a real solid day on the mat," said McKenna. "He is such a talented wrestler and he makes things look real effortless. Tom is wrestling with a lot of confidence. He is comfortable on his feet and on the mat. He won a match to get into the semi-finals where he wrestled one of the best wrestlers at in the weight class in the state (in Behan). It was a good semi-

final, he had Behan on his back a few times in the semi-finals. He was dominant on top in that match. Behan wrestled was tough and really strong and Tom had him on the ropes a few times. By the end of the match he didn't want to be on the mat with Tom."

"Tom wrestled back and took care of business taking third place. He looked great. He became a member of a pretty short list of wrestlers in program history. Tommy became a four-time sectional place finisher. To place at this tournament every year in high school is just a great accomplishment."

Senior captain Nick Troy finished second at 160 pounds. He pinned Dan Bennett quickly at 34 seconds and then won on an injury default over Tom Howell of Triton. That put him in the finals where he was pinned by Wakefield's Ben Spicer at the 2:27 mark.

"Nick had a great tournament and after four years he got the finals in a tournament for the first time," said McKenna. "He is another member of our team out to take care of business. He was the second seed in the tournament and he dominated to get there. He wrestled with a chip on his shoulder to get to the finals. He has done a great job being a captain this season, he's been a great leader and it was good to see him succeed for himself on Saturday. He ran into a tough match up in the finals losing to Spicer. He is another kid who will be the first seed at the state tournament. Nick gave him all he had. But again Nick is another wrestler we have that qualified for the state tournament for the first time in style. He got that monkey off his back."

At 182 pounds Avery

Woodbury finished in third place going 3-1 on the day with his loss coming against the eventual champion Mark Boyle of Triton. On the other side, Woodbury defeated Adam Talhook of Melrose, 8-4, before pinning Anthony Buscemi of Minuteman Tech at the 1:35 mark and capped it off by a win over Adam Talhook of Melrose in the consolation final.

"Avery continued his great season," said McKenna. "He qualified for the state tournament for the first time. He has had such a great finish to the season for himself and it hasn't stopped. Avery has been winning matches, helping us to win dual meets and he has been just workman like. He is feeling great and is wrestling with confidence and poise and a lot of the time that is what you need. Avery placed in the section for the first time, and he qualified for the state tournament for the first time, just plain exciting for him."

At 195 pounds, Mike Danciewicz finished in sixth place. "Mike went out and gave it all he had. Mike wrestled tough in the tournament. It wasn't where he wanted to place, but he was another wrestler getting there for the first time. He wrestled as varsity wrestler for the first time this year and has done well for himself."

Laffarello won all three of his matches to capture the sectional championship (more on his in this section). Also competing but not able to place included Josh Fitzer (120 pounds) who went 0-2 losing to Zack Kreiter of Minuteman Tech and Connor Shine of Wakefield, Sam Jennings who finished 1-2 at 152 pounds which included pinning Christian Safilippo at

the 1:58 mark, while, Andrew L'Esperance (170) finished 1-2 on the day and Ryan Adams (220) was 0-2.

"(Fitzler) has been a JV wrestler for the season and showed up on Friday afternoon and asked if he could give it a go on Saturday. He is what Wildcat wrestling is all about. He shows up early, keeps his head down and works hard and has no fear. We were so proud of what he did this season."

"Sam, Andy and Ryan all wrestled hard earning some victories on the day. They were in battles and were all just short of placing at the tournament. They all know that they are capable of placing and placing high at the sectional tournament next year."

Having eight wrestlers place and seven move on to this weekend's state meet is certainly something the entire program should be proud of.

"Overall it was just an awesome day," said McKenna. "To place eight out of twelve wrestlers who competed for you and most of those wrestlers placed in the top four spots is just great. We couldn't be happier about kicking off a great post season run here. But with that in mind, we can't rest on our laurels. We have a focus and we have goals to accomplish and it begins with continued hard work."

Regular Season

Last	Wednesday,
Wilmington	trounced
Malden 42-8 in a non-league	
meet to close out the regular	
season with a 14-9 overall	
record. Winning matches for	
Wilmington include	
Ripianzi, Gorman, Jennings,	
Woodbury and Laffarello,	
while Diorio and	
L'Esperance won their	
matches via forfeit.	

Larffarello makes WHS Wrestling History

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move but it seems to work for me."

That put him in the sectional semi-finals where he faced Wakefield's Matt Yirrell and came away with another pin victory, this one coming at the 1:52 mark.

"He is one of the smaller guys I have wrestled and we were talking before the match and he said he only weighs 200 pounds," said Larffarello. "I just went out there and put him in a headlock and I thought I had pinned him early but the referee didn't see it. So I had him in a headlock for almost the whole period, so that one really wasn't interesting."

After that second win, Larffarello had about a 40-minute break before his final match which would be against a familiar foe, Matthew DiFonzo of Melrose. The two had two previous bouts, with Larffarello winning the first last year and DiFonzo getting him this year during a regular season meet. In the third meeting, Larffarello got the upper hand in the series winning via a pin at the 1:55 mark.

"Right before the match, Coach McKenna came up to me and told me that no matter what happens, win or lose that I was a champion," he said. "That helped me a lot. Coach McKenna is very inspirational. So I just wanted to go out there and work as hard as I could."

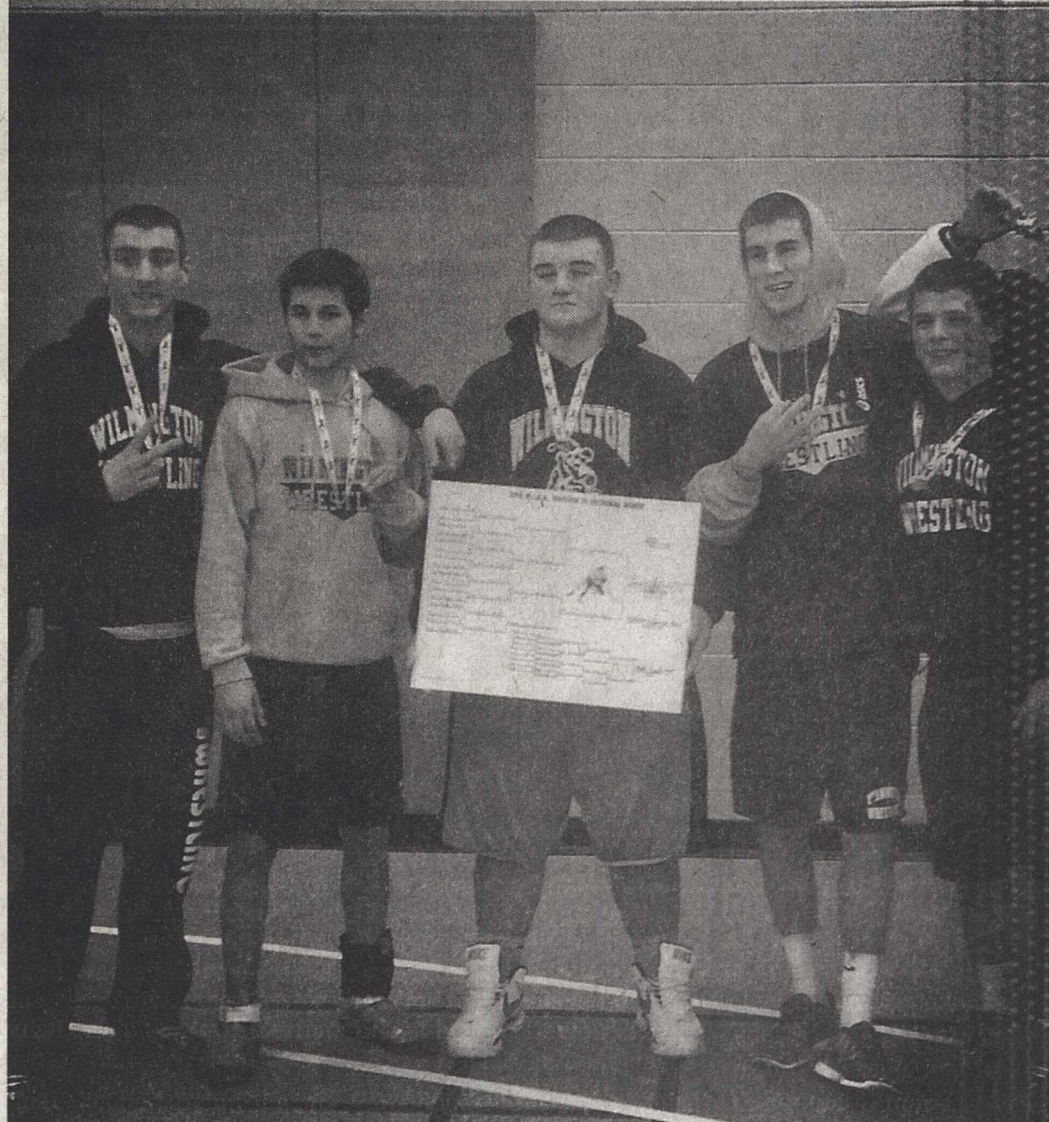
McKenna said that celebrating with Larffarello was pretty meaningful.

"It was really just a special moment for him," said McKenna. "He dominated his way to the title. When Louis lost to DiFonzo earlier, he was just devastated so this time he just went out dominated him on the mat, getting his third pin of the day in just over a minute. It was awesome."

"Louis is such a great kid and he is still so young. He made us realize that the next two years with him could be real great. He was really the icing on the cake for a really great day."

Larffarello -- who has an older brother Antonio, a junior at Shawsheen Tech -- said that he realizes no matter if he won a sectional title or not, he still has a lot of work to do, especially preparing for this weekend's all-state meet.

"I know with this win, that I can't go into the state meet with a hot head or anything like that," he said. "I'm seeded fourth and I'm just going there to try my best. I'm hoping I can place in the top six but I know there's some real tough competition. I just want to go there and make my moves and polish my moves, and hopefully I can do well. If not then I'll just go to the off-season knowing what I'll need to work on."



The WHS Wrestling team had a great day on Saturday at the Division 3 North Sectional tournament including seven place finishers. Among them include sectional champion Louis Larffarello (middle), who is surrounded by my teammates from left, Nick Troy, Fox Maxwell, Tom Gorman and Matt Diorio. (courtesy photo).

WHS Basketball Round-Up

Girls split two games;
Bennett named
All-ConferenceBy JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High School Girls Basketball team split two games this past week, first losing to Stoneham on Friday night 62-57 before beating Swampscott 50-29 in a non-league game played Sunday. The Wildcats were scheduled to face Tewksbury on Tuesday night but the game was moved to Wednesday with the snowstorm and results weren't known as of presstime.

Currently the Wildcats have a record of 15-4 and a win over Tewksbury would be huge for the team to better its seed in next week's state tournament with the strong possibility of getting a home game.

"We are extremely excited to be going to the tournament as that was the team goal in the beginning of the season," said head coach Brie Karow. "Division 2 (North) is very tough and depending on how the seeding goes we could see Arlington Catholic, Bedford, Watertown, Pentucket, and many other great teams. We need to make sure we are playing the defense we take pride in for thirty-two minutes and can't take a second off."

Wilmington was defeated by Bedford and split with Watertown this season.

In order for the Wildcats to be successful in the tournament, the team will have to do it without Rachael Mara, who is out for the rest of the season with mono.

"Rachael Mara is a huge component to our team, but the rest of the team has really stepped up big under her guidance," said Karow. "Often she will take a

younger player aside and explain a play or explain different options that player could have done to get/be open. Although we would much rather have her playing, I am fully confident in what the remaining twelve athletes that can run the floor can do.

"They all work hard for two hours everyday and are completely selfless. Everyone is responsible for the success of this season whether they ran the floor or were talking it up from the bench...every effort helps and counts. As any program that's playing late in the season, our goal will continue to be to give everything we have any given night."

In the loss to Stoneham, senior Katherine McKenna had a career best 17 points. In the win over Swampscott, Christa Brent finished with ten, followed by eight points each from Amber Peach and Kim Donoghue.

On Friday, the MIAA will announce its state tournament basketball pairings.

Both the Wilmington and Tewksbury Girls teams will also compete in the tournament, and they also faced each other on Wednesday. The Wildcats will enter that game with a 15-4 record and Tewksbury is one game behind at 14-5.

It appears as if it will be a much smaller class of teams, possibly just 12. The top three seeds should be intact with Watertown, Arlington Catholic and Bedford.

The next four seeds could interchange. Hamilton-Wenham and Wilmington stand at 15-4 and if both teams win their final game they would be fourth or fifth



The 2013-14 WHS Boys Basketball team entered its final game of the season with a 3-16 overall record.

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depending on a coin flip. If the two of them lose, that means four, five and six would be between HW, Wilmington and Tewksbury who would all have the same 15-5 records.

If HW and Tewksbury wins, it would be HW, Tewksbury and Wilmington four through six but if Tewksbury falls they would slide to the seventh spot with Pentucket sliding up to the sixth spot.

After that it would be Wakefield, Newburyport, Danvers, Marblehead and possibly Stoneham with all five of those teams having games left to play.

Wilmington would host a first round game if the team is placed in the top six seeds, and would only go on the road with a loss to Tewksbury and losing a coin flip. Tewksbury needs to beat Wilmington in order to have a home game in the first round and could possibly play the Wildcats again.

BOYS HOOP

The Wilmington High School Boys Basketball team lost both of its games this

past week, first to Stoneham on Friday night and then to Billerica in a non-league game on Monday putting the team's record to 3-16 overall.

On Tuesday night, the Wildcats were scheduled to face Tewksbury but the game was moved to Wednesday because of the snow. Results of that game were not known before presstime.

Wilmington was first defeated by Stoneham, 63-47 on Friday night. Stoneham is coached by former WHS player and resident Brian Cairra, whose team needed one more win in its final two games to qualify for the playoffs. The Wildcats were led offensively by sophomore guard Matt Spurr, who had 14 points while juniors James O'Regan and Connor Bennett added 12 and 11 respectively.

On Monday, Billerica came away with a 64-38 win. Bennett had 12 points in the losing effort.

With one game left on the schedule, head coach Joe Maiella was asked to assess the team's season, and the struggles of the program

which has combined to win five games the last two years and miss out on tournament play for the third straight season.

"Although we struggled in terms of wins and losses I feel that we became more competitive and improved during the second half of the season," he said. "Winning the two league games against Arlington and Wakefield in the second half of the season and playing a team such as Belmont tough were important parts of the process to start to turn this around and become a good team. I feel that we have a good nucleus of players returning who received significant playing time and experience this past year that will greatly benefit us next year."

"We will be returning eleven players next year, seven of which that received significant playing time this year. From a team standpoint, we need to become a better and more consistent offensive team for us to reach our team goals next year which is to make the state tournament and to con-

tend for the (Middlesex League's) Freedom Division Championship."

The team will be losing five seniors from this year's team including tri-captains Scott Manganelli, Colin Ahern and Kevin Keane, as well as Jimmy Murphy and Ryan McEvoy.

"All five seniors were with the program for all four years," said Maiella. "They came each and every day and worked as hard as they possibly could and gave me everything they had on the court. They were always positive and upbeat despite our struggles the last two years and I am proud of all of them."

Finally, the Middlesex League announced its all-league players and junior Connor Bennett, the team's 6-foot-9 center, was the lone player to make the elite squad.

"Connor was voted Middlesex League All Conference by all the coaches," said Maiella. "It is a very big accomplishment as there were several good players who did not make it."

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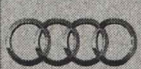
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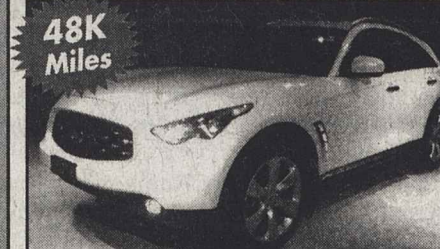
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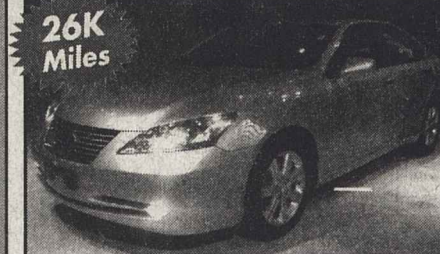
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Rams Boys Hoop team rallies for three straight victories

MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA – There will be no post-season for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team regardless of how well they play in their remaining regular season games, but that doesn't mean this group of Rams has given up on the season. In fact, with nothing but pride to play for the Rams are playing some of their best basketball of the season as they head down the stretch.

Most recently the Rams won three games in a row this past week to improve to 6-12 on the season, downing CAC rivals Lynn Tech, Whittier Tech and North Shore.

The Rams got their week off to a great start last Thursday, with a 55-41 rout of Lynn Tech. Leading the way for the Rams was Senior Jared Pinette with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Sean Hines had a break out game with 10-points, 10-rebounds and seven assists.

"Our seniors are setting the tone and our younger guys are stepping up big time," Shawsheen coach Greg Bendel said. "Their hard work is beginning to pay off."

On Friday night the Rams defeated Whittier Tech by the score of 79-70. Pinette once again led the way for the Rams with 22 points and 12 rebounds, while senior Joe Mason of Tewksbury had 19 points. Senior Zach Nelson also had an outstanding performance on his senior night scoring a career high 17 points.

Friday night was emotional night for the Rams celebrating their annual senior night in front of another sell-out crowd. The game was close the entire way, with Shawsheen trailing by three points at the half 34-31 and fell behind by twelve early in the fourth quarter before a valiant comeback.

"Our team and our seniors were determined to get a win on senior night and I give them a lot of credit for not giving up and finding a way to come back and win," Bendel said.

Friday also marked the return of senior Chase Rebidue who played in his first game this season after breaking his collar bone in an October 12th football game. Rebidue was the Rams starting quarterback before suffering a devastating injury during a game against Greater Lawrence.

Rebidue, who had not missed one practice or game all season despite being injured was finally cleared to play on the morning of senior night. Not only did Rebidue get to play on senior night he scored five points on 2-of-3 shooting.

"I was so happy for all of our seniors that they got the win on senior night, but how can you not feel good about a guy like Chase Rebidue finally getting to play in his first game and he played really well, I was especially happy for him," Bendel said. "It meant the world to him to finally get to suit up and help his team and the rest of our team was equally excited to have him out there with us."

On Sunday the Rams defeated North Shore by the score of 73-57. Leading the way for the Rams once

again was Pinette with 25 points and 14 rebounds. Nelson had 14 points while Hines had seven points.

The Rams led the entire game including a twenty five point lead at halftime.

"I'm really happy for Sean, he was brought up from the JV team in the second half of the season and he has not wasted any time making an impact," Bendel said. "He's a great kid who really has a lot of potential."

Pinette was once again voted as an All-Conference player by the league's coaches. Senior Joe Mason of Tewksbury was named League All-Star and will represent the team in the three point shootout at the All-Star Game on Sunday March 9th at Greater Lowell Tech. The top twelve players from the Commonwealth Athletic Conference will face the top twelve players from the Colonial Athletic Conference.

"These two guys are our senior captains and they have worked really hard all year long to lead our team and so for them to get voted as All-Stars is a great accomplishment for them," Bendel said. "They have embraced our younger guys that have emerged in the second half of the season and that says a lot about the type of guys that they are, I couldn't be prouder of them."

The Rams will finish out their season at the St. Mary's of Lynn Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The Rams will face Mystic Valley in the first round and either Arlington Catholic or St. Mary's in the championship or consolation game on Thursday.

"Our guys are committed to working hard and finishing the season strong, I couldn't be prouder of this group of guys," Bendel said. "I am extremely proud of the way our team has improved and continued to work hard every day despite facing adversity."

WRESTLING

The Shawsheen Wrestling team had an outstanding day at last week's Division 1 North Sectional Tournament at Chelmsford High, finishing third in a 12-team field with one champion and a pair of second place finishers while also having 11 of their 12 wrestlers place in the top six of their weight class.

Overall nine Rams finished in the top four of their weight class and qualified for the MIAA Division 1 State Tournament to be held this weekend at Lawrence High School.

Shawsheen scored 185.5 points on the day, trailing only champion St. John's Prep (231.5) and host Chelmsford (202.5) in the standings, and finishing well ahead of fourth place finisher Lawrence which had 172 points.

Shawsheen senior Nick Hoar captured the only Rams championship of the day at 170 pounds and looked terrific in doing so, winning his first two matches by pin, taking down Acton-Boxboro's Ian Wattington in just 41 seconds and Westford Academy's Matt Bunyon in 3:09 before winning his finals match over Chelmsford's Kyle McQuaid by a major decision score of 11-2.

Junior Bryce Spinosa (113 pounds) and senior Tim Ward (138) were runners up for the Rams.

Spinosa started his day with major decision 10-0 win over Miguel Rodriguez of Lawrence before earning his spot in the finals with a 4-0 decision over Griffen Murray of Chelmsford. He then gave Methuen's Billy Wehring, the fourth ranked wrestler in the state at 113 pounds, all he could handle before falling by a score of 2-1.

Ward was equally impressive in his first two matches of the day, pinning Steven O'Brien of Westford Academy in just 1:46, while earning a hard fought 1-0 win over Jack Anderson of St. John's Prep in the semi-finals. Ward was finally stopped in the finals by top ranked Christian Monserrat of Methuen.

Taking third place finishes for the Rams were freshman Jake Ferri at 106 pounds and junior Tyler Tedford at 120, while seniors Tyler Croteau (132) and Zach Zahiri each finished fourth.

Ferri advanced all the way to the semi-finals before losing a 16-11 decision to eventual champ Connor Clasen of Chelmsford, but he then moved on to the consolation bracket where he pinned Nate Dykstra of Andover in just 50 seconds and won a 5-1 decision over Malcolm Mitchell of St. John's Prep in the third place match.

Tedford also advanced to the semi-finals before losing eventual champion Nick DeRosa of Billerica, but then moved on to the consolation bracket where he pinned Nick Regan of Westford Academy in 3:54 before also getting a pin over Methuen's Brad Andrews in the third place match.

A trio of juniors, Ryan Powderly (126), Josh Merrifield (145) and Tyler Peters (195), all earned fifth place finishes and will be alternates at this weekend's Division 1 State Tournament, while senior John Fitzpatrick was sixth at 152 pounds.

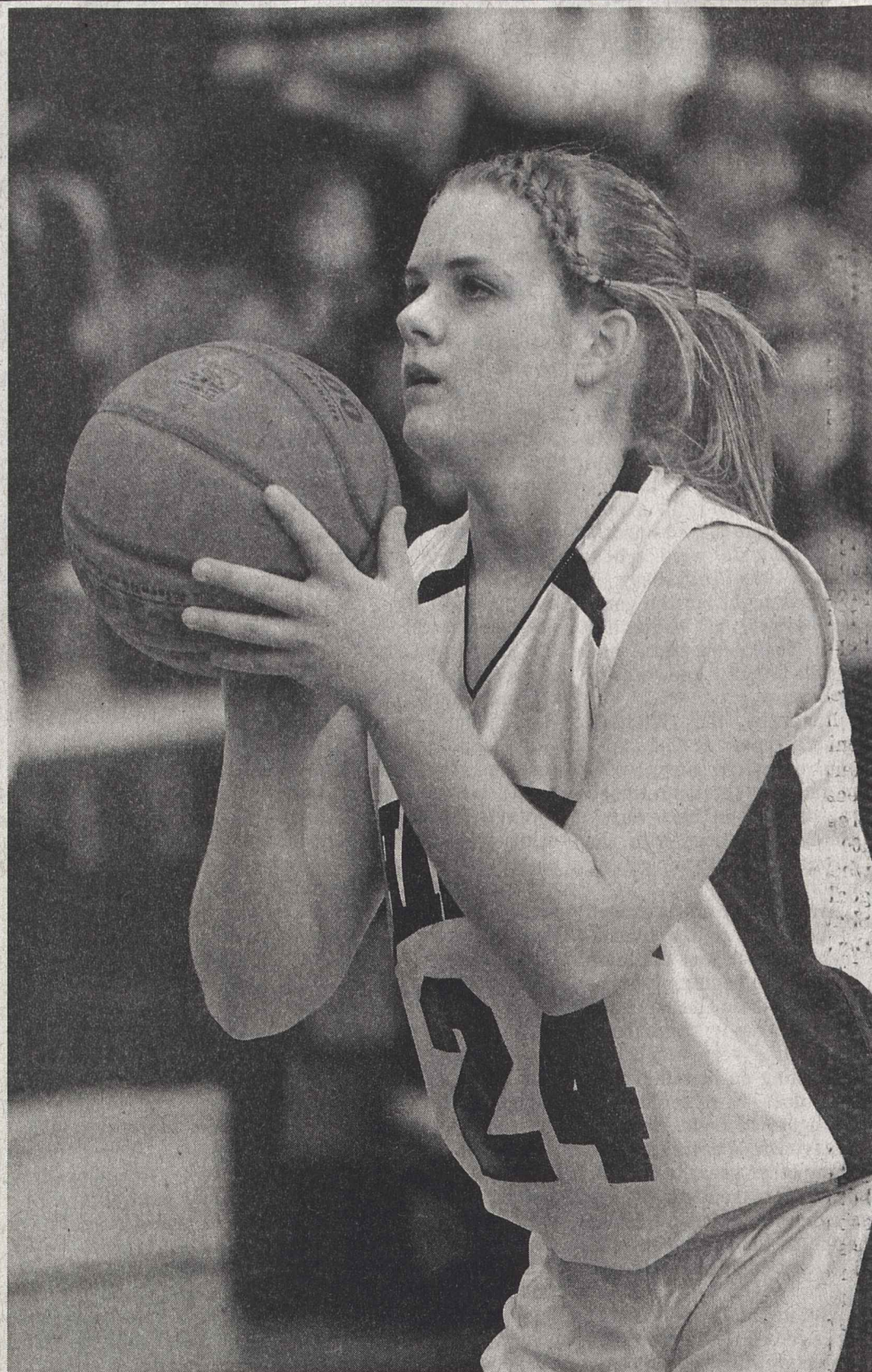
GIRLS HOOP

The Shawsheen Girls Basketball team had only one game this past week, and despite a tremendous effort on the road against Whittier they were unable to topple the CAC champions dropping 61-56 decision to fall to 11-8 on the season with one regular season game remaining before they get ready for the state tournament.

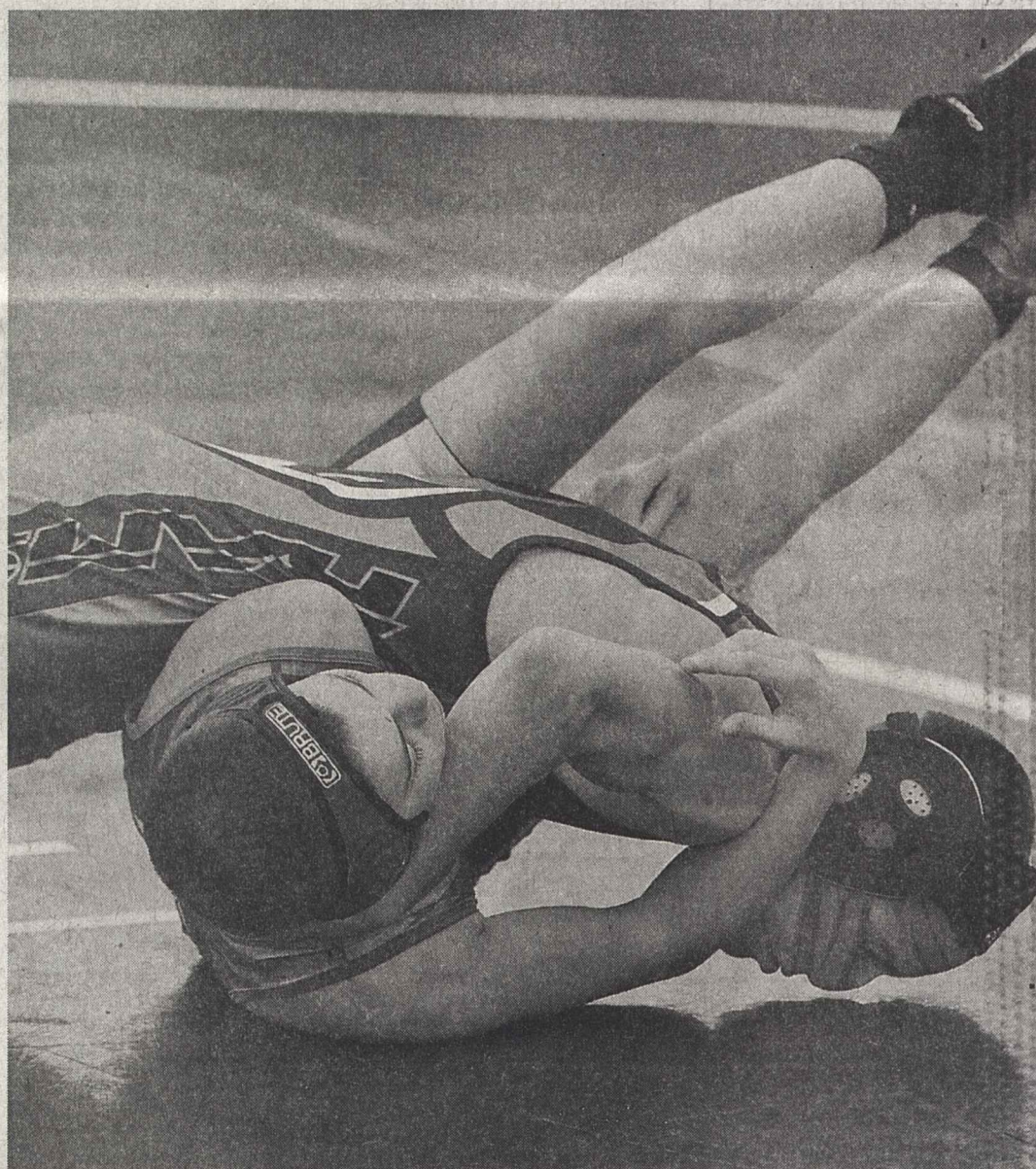
The Lady Rams, who were led by an incredible game by junior Emily Irwin (35 points, 13 rebounds) held leads of 33-27 at halftime and 50-42 at the end of three quarters, were unable to hold off the powerful Wildcats, who shut down the Shawsheen offense in the fourth quarter limiting them to just six points in the frame.

"We played excellent, but once again we just went cold in the fourth quarter," Shawsheen coach Dick Barriss said. "I am not sure what happened. I don't know if we got too conservative or they put too much pressure on us or what it was, but we just could not score."

Irwin had 24 of her points in the first half before Whittier limited her second



Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball player Emily Knoops concentrates on a free throw attempt during a recently played game. (photo by Bill Ryerson).



Shawsheen Tech's Jake Ferri works against a Danvers wrestler during an earlier season match. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

half offense by switching to a box and one defense. Senior Emily Knoops (12 points) of Tewksbury took over some of the offensive load for the Lady Rams, but it was simply not enough to get the win.

"To be honest, that's about as well as we can play, so I have no problem with our effort at all," Barriss said.

"But Whittier just has more horses than we do. We simply do not have enough depth to be able to match up with them. All of our starters played a lot of minutes and we gave them everything we had and then some."

"If we play like that in the tournament we should be able to compete with any-

body."

Shawsheen will wrap up their regular season on Thursday night when they host non-league rival Maynard before awaiting their first round matchup in the Division 4 North Sectional Tournament to be announced on Friday.

Wilmington Youth Soccer announces March Soccer events

This year marks the fourth season that Wilmington Youth Soccer Association has utilized the off-season to introduce players and parents to some of the many other aspects of and people involved in the game of soccer. This is done so in a fun, but intimate, casual setting to give players and parents the opportunity to actually interact with the league's featured partici-

pants.

The series continues to grow, expand, and gain in popularity and attendance. The league welcomes players from surrounding communities.

The events are as follows: Sunday, March 2, 2014 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Girls Night Out

Open to young female players to play and connect with professional, college, and high school players -

West Intermediate School, 22 Carter Lane, Wilmington, MA.

This event features: soccer skills challenges & competitions, raffle prizes, giveaways, and autographs from Boston Breakers players.

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An event for high school boys, girls, and parents to learn about the college

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Sunday, March 9, 2014 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Elevating Your Game

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First female to reach 100-point plateau

Harper dials up a three digit number

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA -- The Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey team is in the midst of a historic season, with the Lady Rams closing in on the first state tournament berth in the program's history.

It is only fitting then perhaps, that one member of the Lady Rams has already made some history of her own, as last week senior forward Kennedy Harper of Wilmington became the first player in program history to record 100 points in her career when she potted her 20th goal of the season in a 7-4 Shawsheen victory over Dover Sherborn.

The goal and the 100th point were just the latest highlights in what has been a remarkable career for Harper, who has been lighting up the scoreboard since she arrived at Shawsheen as a freshman.

She scored 16 points in both her freshman and sophomore campaigns and has improved every year since, tallying 35 points last season before this year's campaign where she has scored 21 goals and 15 assists for 36 points.

When she had finally reached the milestone last week, it was a moment to savor for the senior and she was proud to be able to share the accomplishment with her family.

"It was great. I looked right up at my parents and my brother when I scored, just like I always do after every goal," Harper

said. "They are my number one supporters."

Harper has been grateful for the support from her family, with her parents Diana and Bill and her brother Chancellor following her career every step of the way.

"My mom has been to just about every game I have played and my makes it to every game he can when he is not working and my brother also comes to a lot of games," Harper said. "I am so lucky to have them support me like that."

While Harper was thrilled with her personal achievement, the senior captain has been more focused on the overall success of her team this year, as they bring a 7-6-2 record into the final four games of the season, needing to pick up two wins in those games in order to qualify for the post-season.

It has been a remarkable turnaround for the Lady Rams after back to back 6-13-1 campaigns and it has also come on the heels of a 0-4 start to this season.

"Every game we have played we have played better," Harper said. "We came into the season with a lot of new girls and not a lot of returning girls so it was hard at first because we did not have a lot of practice time. But by about the fifth game everything fell into place and we became united."

Of course Harper has been as big a reason as anybody for the turnaround this season, and

her coach Bob Roach has seen her take her game to an even higher level this season.

"She has such a strong drive," Roach said. "You can't tell her no when she is trying to accomplish something. She is a great scorer, but she is not just a finesse player. She works for everything she gets."

And Harper has been working extra hard this season. One key to the big turnaround from this season's 0-4 start has been the amount of ice time that Harper and her linemates Kate O'Shea and Skylar Jacques have been seeing, as the trio has been double shifting in many games, particularly in the third period of close games when the Lady Rams need to produce some offense.

You will never find Harper complaining about the extra ice time. Roach has noted several times this season that Harper would play the entire game if she could and Harper agrees, particularly if she is playing with O'Shea and Jacques.

"I love playing hockey, so any time I can get out there I give one hundred percent," Harper said. "Kate and Skylar are great. I could not ask for a better line. We try to do as much as we can when we are out there together so we like the extra ice time."

Harper credits her teammates with her ability to take her game to another level this season. "I definitely feel like I am doing better this season



Wilmington resident Kennedy Harper became the first female hockey player at Shawsheen Tech to ever reach the 100-point plateau in a career.

(courtesy photo by Paul Oliver/pauloliverphotography.smugmug.com).

and I think it is because of the team we have," Harper said. "I could not ask for a better senior year. I am glad I have such a great team to play with."

Roach points out that while Harper has been one of the stars of the team, she has also done a great job of being just another member of the team, while at the same time doing a great job in her role as captain of leading the

younger players on the team.

"She is a real good kid. She gets along with everybody on the team and always helps out in any way she can," Roach said. "She is very coachable and she also listens to what other players have to say. It is great as a coach to see the players talking to each other on the bench and trying to work together."

The Lady Rams must continue to work together if they are going to earn that elusive tournament berth, and Harper is confident that she and her teammates can get the job done.

"I feel like we can do it," Harper said. "The whole team really wants it, and I think if we all work hard and play our best we can get there."

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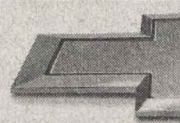


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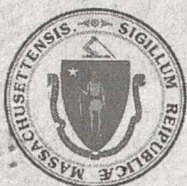
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DOCKET NO.
MI13P1619GD
MI13P1620GD

NOTICE AND ORDER
Petition for
Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor

In the interests of Shyla
Janet Fraize & Kevin
Michael Fraize of
Tewksbury, MA Minor
**NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. **Hearing Date / Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of a Guardian of a Minor filed on 04/02/2013 by Michael T. Granese of Tewksbury MA will be held 03/13/2014 09:00 AM, Guardianship of Minor Hearing, Located at 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge MA 02141 Courtroom #3.

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Order to Petitioner(s): IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in Town Crier Tewksbury publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veterans Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least Seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: January 31, 2014
Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
04534063 2/19/14

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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INFORMAL
PROBATE
PUBLICATION
NOTICE

DOCKET NO.
MI13P5687EA

Estate of:
Anna M. Henderson
Date of Death:
November 28, 2013

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Donna M. St. Pierre of Lowell MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Donna M. St. Pierre of Lowell MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

04534080 2/19/14

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKSNOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARINGRemoval of Public
Shade Trees

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 2:00 pm** in Room 9 of Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA, to consider the removal of the following public trees:

ID #1
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Maple (Acer) Dia 32"
Location
In front of #190 Middlesex
ID #2
Species
Maple (Acer) Dia 10"
Location
On traffic island at Middlesex & Glen
ID #4
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Maple (Acer) Dia 30"
Location
To east of #190 Middlesex Ave
ID #6
Species
Maple (Acer) Dia 6"
Location
Along N. side of Glen at 200 Middlesex
ID #6A
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Location
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ID #7
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Maple (Acer) Dia 6"
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Along N. side of Glen at 200 Middlesex
ID #7A
Species
Maple (Acer) Dia 4"
Location
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ID #7B
Species
Maple (Acer) Dia 4"
Location
Along N. side of Glen at 200 Middlesex
ID #8
Species
Maple (Acer) Dia 6"
Location
Along N. side of Glen at 200 Middlesex

04534063 2/19/14

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF
SELECTMENNOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing, as part of their regularly scheduled meeting on **March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA relative to the streets to be accepted at the May 3, 2014 Annual Town Meeting. The streets are as follows: Eleanor Drive.

Michael V. McCoy,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
04534084 2/19/14

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARDPUBLIC HEARING
SIGN SPECIAL
PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 10, 2014 at 7:10 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 464 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Metro Sign for Motel 6 Operations LP #1403 for a Sign Special Permit to install a new 60" x 43.5" decal sign with lighting around the front door and a proposed door decal as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **95 Main Street**, Assessor's Map 11, Lot 33, zoned Commercial. The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Vincent Spada
Chair
04534069 2/19,26/14

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALSNOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 464

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN SPACE
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN
SPECIAL PERMIT
DEFINITIVE
SUBDIVISION

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 10, 2014 at 7:15 P.M.** at 464 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Marc P. Ginsburg & Sons for an Open Space Residential Design Special Permit and Definitive Subdivision for an eight (8) lot subdivision as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **357 and 379 Pleasant Street**, Assessor's Map 32, Lot 36 and 37, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Vincent Spada
Chair
04534076 2/19, 26/14

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S
NOTICE OF
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Julie A. Childress and Christopher A. Childress to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated October 25, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 18013, Page 112, subsequently assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 24961, Page 280, subsequently assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, by assignment recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 27747, Page 62, of which the Mortgagee the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 01:00 PM on March 12, 2014 at 70 Birch Street a/k/a 70 Whelan Road, Tewksbury, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land on Birch Street, formerly known as Oak Street, in Tewksbury, Mass., consisting of six lots numbered 204, 205, 206, 207, 208 and 209, as shown on a plan entitled, "Forest Terrace at Tewksbury, Mass., belonging to John A. Richardson and Fanny P.R. Colby", by O.M. Snell, C.E. dated April 1911, duly recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 28, Plan 89, and further bounded as follows:

Beginning on the northerly side of Birch Street, formerly known as Oak Street, at a stake between Lots 203 and 204, thence the line runs a distance of One Hundred Twenty (120) feet to a stake between Lots 209 and 210, as shown on said plan on Birch Street, formerly Oak Street;

Thence the line runs northeasterly eighty (80) feet along the line between lots 209 and 210 to the back line of said lots;

Thence running northeasterly One Hundred Twenty (120) feet along the said back line a

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stake set between lots numbered 203 and 204;

Thence running southeasterly eighty (80) feet along the line between lots 203 and 204 to the stake first mentioned, all as shown on said recorded Plan.

All of said premises above described are conveyed subject to restrictions for the benefit of all the lots shown on said plan; that no buildings shall be erected upon said lots having a sill within ten feet of any street line, so far as the same is now in force and applicable and any other restrictions of record.

Subject to easements to Lowell Electric Light Corporation, recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 1133, Page 555 and Book 1133, Page 556.

For title reference see Deed recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Book 14694, Page 49.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered.

The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

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By Its Attorneys,
Orlans Moran PLLC
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Phone: 781-790-7800
04534065 2/19,26,3/5/14



Wilmington's GU10-1 team were crowned league champs of Session two season this past weekend at Tyngsboro Sports Center. The team includes: Front Row: Kali Almeida, Abigail Regan, Alyssa Granara, Kaitlyn Maguire and Sofia Barletta; and Back Row: Coach Tony Almeida, Audrey Curdo, Maura Fiorenza, Jenna Moore, Kaitlyn Doherty, Olivia Spizuocco and Coach Rob Barletta.

Two locals help AC Hockey team

On Monday, February 10, the Arlington Catholic Varsity Girls Hockey Team clinched the Catholic Central League Division title by toppling Austin Prep of Reading at the Ed Burns Area in Arlington with a score of 2-0.

Adriana Rossini, a junior and Malden resident, scored both goals accompanied by superior goal tending from junior, first-starter goaltender, Katherine Crane of Arlington, who made 15 saves for the shutout win. This is the first time in the AC girls' hockey program's history of winning the CCL division title.

Under the direction of Coach Maggie Taverna, a standout player at Boston College and Boston Globe's Division 1 Coach of the Year, in addition to the CCL division title, the Lady Cougars have achieved some pretty memorable accomplishments the last few years capturing the Division 1 State Championship title at

the TD Garden in 2012 with the team's 3-1 victory over St. Mary's (Lynn), and ending the season with the best record in AC's school's history (21-3-1).

The following season, they returned to the Garden to defend their state title against rival St. Mary's again, and finished as a finalist.

The team includes three local players including senior captain Maddy Roberts, a forward from Wilmington, sophomore forward Michaela McLaughlin also of Wilmington and Jessica Piracini, a junior forward from Tewksbury.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 3-14
Margaret A. Smith
Map 69 Parcel 8A

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations Table II §5.2.5 for an addition to be 12 feet from the side yard setback when 15 feet is required for property located on 65 Cunningham Street.

Case 4-14
Integrity Building & Design Inc.
Map 83 Parcel 13

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations Table II §5.2.4 for an addition to be 16.2 and 23.4 feet from the front yard lot lines when 30 feet is required for property located on 12 Oakwood Road.

Case 5-14
Richard & Theresa
Patterson
Map 1 Parcel 1

To acquire a variance from Standard Dimensional Regulations Table II §5.2.5 to allow an existing dwelling to remain 22.7 feet from the side yard lot line when 25 feet is required for property located on 398 Chestnut Street.
04534090 2/19, 26/14

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Replacement of
Granulated Activated
Carbon
FY14

The Town of Tewksbury acting through its Town Manager invites bids for the Replacement of Granulated Activated Carbon.

Bidders may obtain copies of the specifications at the Office of the Superintendent, Department of Public Works, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876. Bids will be accepted up until **2:30 P.M. on March 14th, 2014**, at which time, date and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be submitted on forms provided, in sealed envelopes marked "Replacement of Granulated Activated Carbon." No such envelope shall contain more than one bid.

The Town Manager in his sole judgment reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, deemed to serve the best interest of the Town in accordance with the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

By: Brian M. Gilbert
DPW Superintendent
For: Richard A. Montuori
Town Manager
04534074 2/19/14

INVITATION TO BID

TWO (2) TWIN ENGINE
PUMPERS

The Town of Tewksbury Fire Department, acting through its Town Manager, will receive bids for two (2) twin 2008 or newer 1500 G.P.M. Triple Combination Pumps for the Tewksbury Fire Department until 2:00PM on March 11, 2014. Sealed bids on bid forms provided within the bid documents and specifications shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of the Town Manager, 464 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 with the designation "Twin Engine Pumps" on the envelope.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Meeting Room at 464 Main Street Tewksbury, MA March 11, 2014 at 2PM.

Information and Instructions to Bidders, Contract and Specifications can be obtained at Office of the Town Manager, 464 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876, (978)640-4300. All bids are subject to MGL Chapter 30B.

For information pertaining to this bid, please contact Tewksbury Fire Chief Michael Hazel at 978-640-4417 and if not available contact Town Manager Richard Montuori at 978-640-4300.

The Town of Tewksbury reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it be in the public interest to do so.

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Wilmington Squirt 3's pick up three points in three games

The Wilmington Squirt 3's had a full plate this weekend and had a mixed bag with a win, loss and a tie.

After a tough loss to league foe Belmont on Saturday, with William O'Shea scoring the Wildcats lone goal after some sweet transition moves from Owen Mitchell, the team traveled down to Providence to take on Whitman Hanson and put on a show that the Bruins would be proud of.

It took eight minutes for Wilmington to get on board as Braydan Sanborn took an Anthony Savage pass, but once they opened the door the onslaught began. Jake Chirichiello scored (with an assist from Aidan Murphy) just a minute and thirty later as he shot a heat-seeker from the point that found the corner post to make it 2-0 after one period.

The floodgates opened in the second at Wildcats would score six goals, the first coming just 34 seconds into the period as Brady Robbins potted one home after getting assists from Murphy and Savage. Savage would get the next goal at the 1:42 mark thanks to assists from his linemates Colin Gates and Sanborn.

O'Shea would join the party next as he was able to take a Michael Sullivan assist and put it away to make it 5-0 at the 3:36 mark.

Strong offensive play meant that goalie Justin Finnegan wasn't tested often, but when he was challenged he was his usual brilliant self, stopping a laser halfway through the second period.

Just 20 seconds later, Sanborn took the puck coast to coast and make it 6-0 for his second goal of the game. Savage also got his second goal a minute later, taking a Sanborn pass and ringing it off the post.

The big lead allowed the blue defensemen to show their offensive prowess as channeling Adam Oates and Cam Neely, Aydan Churchill dished it to Mitchell to close out the scoring for the period, where it ended 8-0.

Wilmington took their foot off the pedal in the third but still played fundamentally sound hockey, particularly

Thomas Dalton who showed he has the ability to play just as strongly on defense as he normally does on offense. Wilmington only scored once as Mitchell got his second of the game and the game ended with a final score of 9-0.

It was back to league play on Monday when the Wildcats headed to Haverhill to take on Reading in what proved to be a feisty, tightly contested game. Much like a heavyweight boxing match, the teams felt each other out in the first period and no one was able to get on the board as the first period ended scoreless.

The second period proved tight as well and Finnegan came up with a big save at the 3:50 mark. Reading was finally able to get on board at the 5:35 mark and again 8 minutes in. As always the resilient Wildcats showed they were not going down without a fight and got back in the game at the 10:09 mark as Sanborn was able to put one home thanks to the assists of Gates and Savage.

Maybe it is the history or proximity between the two towns but there was an edge to this game. But the boys in blue showed they would not be intimidated, led by Robbins and Gates.

Defensive standouts Churchill, Chirichiello and Sullivan (who consistently took skaters off their angles) continued their strong play as did goalie Finnegan, who plays a lot bigger than his size and Dalton, who was flying around the rink putting pressure on the Reading defenders.

Due to a running clock, time was at a premium, but the Wildcats showed no panic. Then, with just three minutes and 25 seconds remaining in the game, Savage took assists from Gates and Sanborn and, from above the face-off circle, shot it on net where it hit a defenseman and found the back of the net to knot it up at 2-2.

The game would remain tied as the horn sounded and the 'Cats were able to walk out with their heads held high.

Aggressive approach helps Jennings take Class D Shot Put title

FROM PAGE SP1W

going (throughout the meet). I was nervous, I was sweating so much and once it was over and I knew that I won, it was a good, relaxing feeling."

The win automatically puts Jennings in this weekend's All-State Meet for the third straight year. Last year he finished sixth throwing 52-05.25 and the year before as a tenth grader he was 20th at 45-01.50. Heading into this meet, he will be seeded ninth following most notably Newton North's Ryan Kim, the top seed, who won the Class A title with a heave of 57-09.

"We're all friends," said Jennings. "I know Ryan Kim and he's incredible so it'll be great to see him perform and I know I'll be cheering him on."

Until then Jennings will get back to work practicing during school vacation to prepare for the all-state meet.

"It just means that I have a lot of practicing to do on Thursday and Friday," he joked. "The All-State Meet will mean a lot to me. This is my last indoor season as a senior and I'm not going to be emotional like crying and stuff, but it'll be an emotional day for me."

"I remember my freshmen year playing football. We played Tewksbury and when we lost, the seniors on that team were in tears because it was their last game and I know that's how I'm going to feel. It's been four years for me with the (indoor) track program and it's going to be over."

"Win or lose, I know that the season is coming to an end soon so it's going to be an emotional day. Hopefully I can win to keep going."

If Jennings can place in the top six, he will advance to the New England Meet for the second straight year.

"Eli has his personal best throw (on Saturday)," said Kinney. "After dealing with the pressure during the preliminary round, he came up real big on his second to last throw to (ultimately win). He is a true student of the event. He is grateful to have been coached by Frank Kelley and hopes to continue to improve as an athlete."

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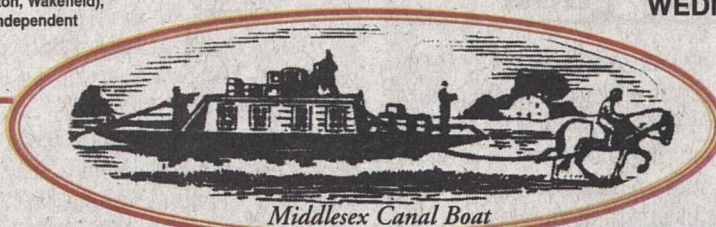
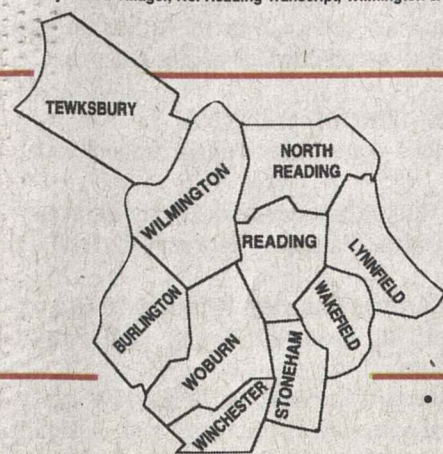
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Area communities see growth in population, some shrink

By PAUL FEELY

A new study by the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute projects a 4.4 percent growth in the state's population between 2010 and 2030.

The study, titled "Long-Term Population Projections for Massachusetts Regions and Municipalities," predicts that the Bay State population will increase by 290,589 over the 20-year term, bringing the state's total population to more than 6.8 million.

Most population growth will occur in the first 10 years, the study said, with 209,909 of the 290,589 population gain expected between 2010 and 2020, and 80,680 between 2020 and 2030. The study attributes the slowdown in growth to an aging population and lower birth rates.

"In both the United States and Massachusetts, the aging of the population will result in slower population growth in the decades to come," the report said. "In Massachusetts the effect of

this aging is even more pronounced, as the state is already older than the United States on average."

The state's population of residents aged 65 and older will grow from 14 percent in 2010 to 21 percent in 2030. Conversely, the 19 and under age group is expected to shrink from 25 percent of the state's total population in 2010 to 22 percent in 2030.

According to the Massachusetts Municipal Association, overall population growth in Massachusetts will be slow for this decade and the next, while the number of residents over age 65 will grow sharply, according to a report released yesterday by the UMass Donahue Institute's Population Estimates Program.

The comprehensive study forecasts a 4.4 percent growth in the state's population from 2010 to 2030, with an increase of 290,589 residents, bringing the population to 6.84 million. The rate is far below projections of 15.6 percent growth for the nation as a whole, a dynamic that could result in a further watering-down of the state's clout on the national stage.

The bulk of the state's projected growth - 209,909 persons (3.2 percent) - is expected in the first 10 years of the study period, by 2020, while just 80,680 new residents are expected from 2020 to 2030.

The report provides detailed projections, at five-

year intervals through 2030, by age and sex for each Massachusetts city and town and eight distinct Massachusetts regions.

An interactive website, found at the website <http://pep.donahue-institute.org>, allows users to look at population forecasts over time by city or town and to download the detailed datasets.

The report includes the following population forecast data sets for Middlesex East communities from 2015 to 2030:

Town: Burlington
2010 Census Population: 24,498
Population Projection 2015: 25,505
Population Projection 2020: 26,569
Population Projection 2025: 27,438
Population Projection 2030: 28,170

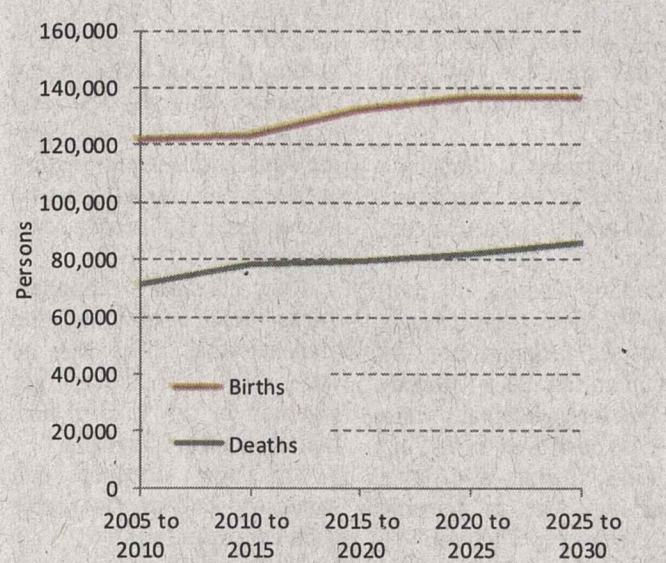
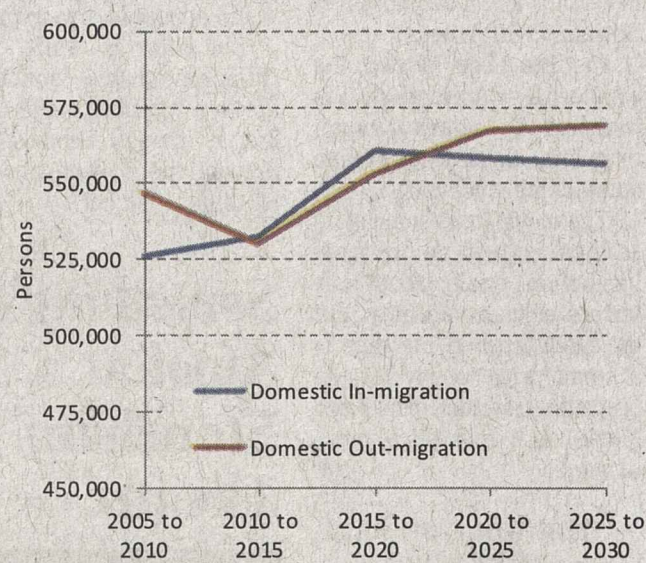
Town: Lynnfield
2010 Census Population: 11,596
Population Projection 2015: 11,335
Population Projection 2020: 11,141
Population Projection 2025: 11,071
Population Projection 2030: 11,147

Town: North Reading
2010 Census Population: 14,892
Population Projection 2015:

Projected levels of births and deaths, 2005 to 2030

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Projected levels of domestic in and out-migration, 2005 to 2030

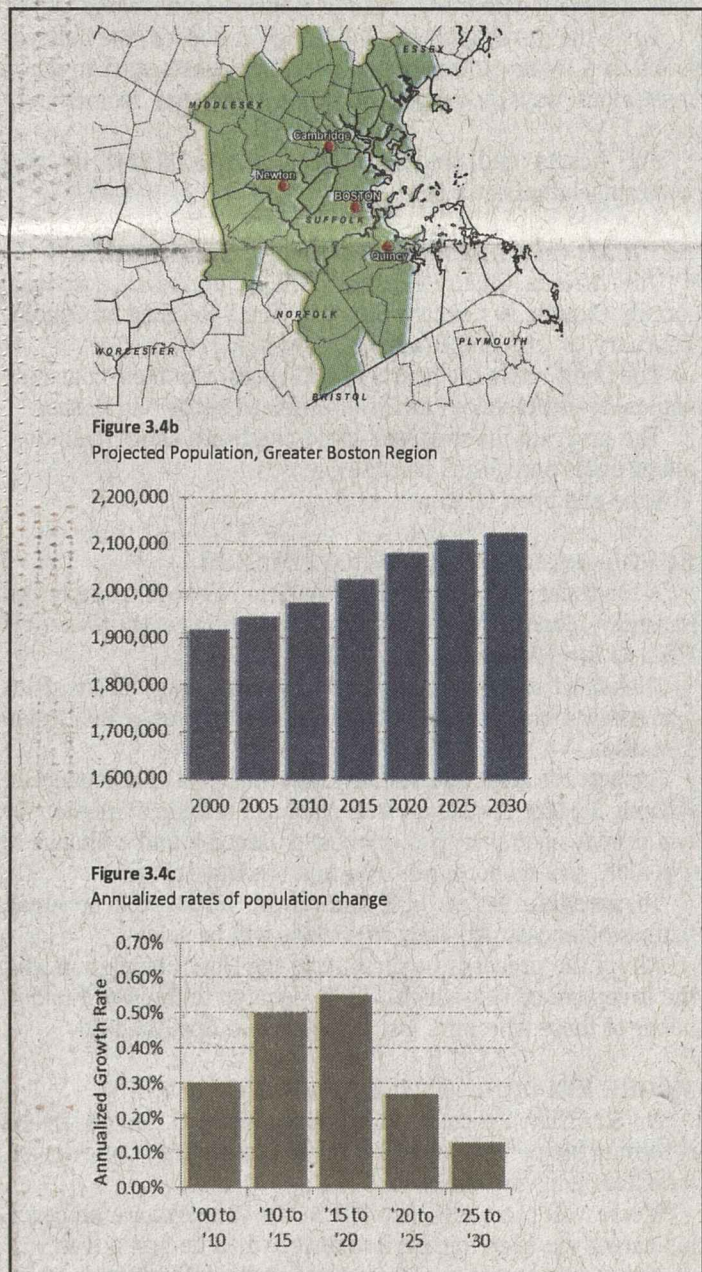


15,221	Population Projection 2020:	26,907	Population Projection 2030:
15,783	Population Projection 2025:	27,617	
16,440	Population Projection 2030:		Town: Stoneham
17,053			2010 Census Population: 21,437
			Population Projection 2015: 20,881
	Town: Reading		Population Projection 2020: 20,718
	2010 Census Population: 24,747		Population Projection 2025: 20,497
	Population Projection 2015: 25,209		Population Projection 2030: 20,027
	Population Projection 2020: 26,066		
	Population Projection 2025:		

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"Robocop" is actually pretty good



ROBOCOP IS SIMILAR TO ORIGINAL BUT A 'PRETTY GOOD' MOVIE. The cast includes Gary Oldman, Michael Keaton and others.

"ROBOCOP"
GRADE: **

My question, before I even saw this film, was why? Why do a remake so similar to the original?

But Robocop is actually a pretty good movie with a pretty good script and a fine cast, headed by Gary Oldman, Michael Keaton, Abbie Cornish, Jackie Earle Haley, Samuel L. Jackson, and Joel Kinnaman as Alex Murphy, the Detroit policeman whose body is destroyed with only his head, heart, and lungs remaining, who is morphed into a cyborg by Oldman.

Kinnaman, a Swede, looks a lot like Peter Weller in the original, but maybe that's because Robocop's armored body is almost an exact duplicate of the one 25 years ago.

The cast makes the remake worthwhile. Cornish is a terrific actress. Keaton is one of the more underappreciated, underused talents in Hollywood. I've never seen him give a bad performance and he's just as good here as he ever has been, although his real strength is comedy. However, in a twist from the original, he's not nearly as outwardly evil as his character was then.

Oldman takes a role that could have been forgettable and makes you look forward to his next appearance onscreen. Haley is a fine sociopath and Jackson appears as a convincing TV polemic.

This Robocop is the same story we saw in 1987 with a big corporation as the bad guy. What's amazing is that the special effects aren't really that much different than the special effects in the original,

more than a quarter century ago, despite a huge leap in technology since then.

While maybe they were making the point that love can transcend the physical and can survive without it, keeping Alex's wife in the picture until the end, something that the original did not do, was depressing.

Her constant reappearances kept reminding the audience that there was no way they could ever get together for any kind of normal physical relationship.

This new 'Robocop' can stand on its own as pretty good entertainment.

"THE LEGO MOVIE"
GRADE: ***

"The Lego Movie" is wonderful family entertainment.

Few things are as joyful as a kid playing with a favorite toy and all of the wonderful chambers of the imagination she or he can travel through. Writer-directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller have taken that joy and spun it into a sweet little movie with a side of funny and not-so-subtle messages about the importance of being yourself.

Perhaps the funniest aspect of the film is that Lord, Miller and the animation crew at Warner Bros. did not take the stiff building blocks and figures and try to turn them into flexible characters. Instead, they left them as stiff, little interconnecting objects that face LEGO-like problems with LEGO-parts in a LEGO-related story (even the water, waves and ice are "made" out of mini-LEGOS).

Our hero, Emmet (voice of Chris Pratt), is the most aver-

age of Average Joes. He's a bit of a worker drone, putting in time at a construction site, singing along to the officially state-sanctioned smiley song, "Everything is Awesome," and regularly watching the No. 1 TV show, "Where Are My Pants?"

Little does he know that a prophecy foretold that some day he would become a MasterBuilder who would try to save the world from the evil Lord Business (Will Ferrell) and his chief henchman Bad Cop/Good Cop (Liam Neeson). Leading Emmet on his quest are a courageous woman named Wyldstyle (Elizabeth Banks), the prophet Vitruvius (Morgan Freeman) and a self-obsessed Batman (Will Arnett).

In "The Lego Movie," the wonderful animation is matched by sharp timing, tongue-in-cheek jokes and an outstanding voice cast.

The movie loses some of its satirical edge in an overlong, live-action finale about the virtues of nonconformity. But the block-lettered message is a small price to pay for the preceding joyride. "The Lego Movie" is a marvelous piece of work.

"THE WOLF OF WALL STREET"
GRADE: ***

The romp known as The Wolf of Wall Street seems to be several movies at once.

The newest release from director Martin Scorsese takes three hours to tell the reportedly true story of a flamboyant, philandering, drug-addled con man. Like the character's own rise and fall, however, Wolf is much more fun when climbing the heights than it is during that tricky descent into oblivion.

Anyone familiar with Scorsese's 1990 Goodfellas will recognize most of the story arc of Wolf. As the surprisingly funny first half builds with blazing energy, Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio) serves as the guide and narrator, taking us from personal innocence into a dangerously enticing world filled with extravagance and exceptional excesses.

In defining and chronicling Belfort's surrender to greed, sex, drugs and shady stock dealing, Scorsese delivers sequences of excess that go beyond the Fellini-esque and become virtually Caligula-esque. Belfort welcomes anything and anyone who will help him grow richer and get higher.

Wolf grounds its story, with screenplay from Sopranos veteran Terence Winter based on a book from Belfort. Our narrator begins his career with another alcoholic, drug-addicted broker, Mark Hanna (hilariously played by Matthew McConaughey), almost just as the stock mar-

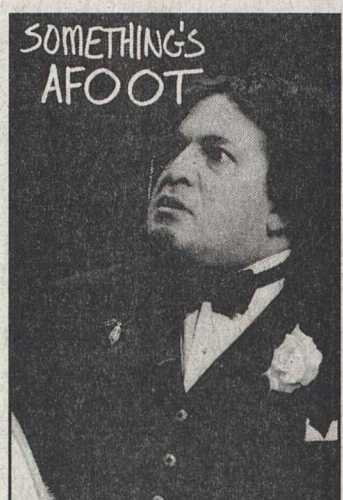
ket crashes on Black Monday in 1987. After brief period of unemployment, Belfort finds himself at a Long Island "Boiler Room" operation pushing penny stocks.

But a quick success vaults him into his own firm as he surrounds himself with a group of equally unethical acolytes, including Jonah Hill and Jon Bernthal. Along the way, Belfort abandons one wife (Cristin Milioti) for another (Margot Robbie), while buying outrageous new homes and yachts and throwing over-the-top parties, all captured in garish detail by Scorsese.

Although filled with an impressive roster of supporting actors, Wolf really seems only to feature DiCaprio. He's constantly on screen, screaming, ingesting drugs, romancing a woman, conning someone on the phone — and hitting the highs and lows that would appeal to any actor.

But after a while, even DiCaprio's magic can't bring life to a rambling second act. It's as though Scorsese got tired of the project, and just let things play out.

Something's Afoot at Stoneham Theatre



Stoneham Theatre's upcoming Mainstage production of the musical mystery comedy Something's Afoot is a reunion of sorts. Director Caitlin Lowans has assembled a cast of Stoneham Theatre favorites who will be familiar to Stoneham Theatre audiences as well as audiences around the Greater Boston Area. "We didn't start off with the idea of casting Something's Afoot with Stoneham Theatre favorites," Lowans explained. "But it slowly became evident that all these favorites would make the perfect cast."

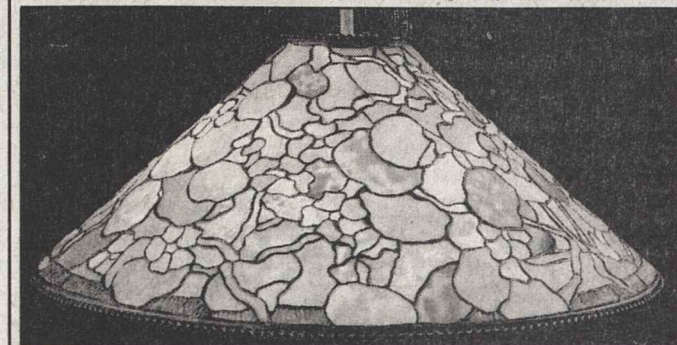
With book, music and lyrics by James McDonald, David Vos and Robert Gerlach, Something's Afoot is a satirical spoof of whodunits like Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None and The Mousetrap. Nine strangers gather in a remote

Theatre
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Calendar of Events

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PUBLIC SKATING ON SCHOOL VACATION

Below are listed public skating times during school vacation week.

Woburn - O'Brien Rink: Thursday and Friday February 20 and 21 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Saturday, February 22 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Reading - Burbank Arena: Thursday, February 20 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, February 21 noon - 1:50 p.m. and Saturday, February 22 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Burlington Ice Palace - Thursday and Friday, February 20 and 21 1 - 2:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 22 3:30 - 4:40 p.m.

Stoneham Arena - Thursday, and Friday, February 20 and 21 10 - 11:45 a.m., stick practice 12 - 1:45 p.m.

LOWELL WINTERFEST NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 22

WinterFest is part of a week-long celebration in Lowell that includes activities at Pollard Memorial Library, Lowell National Historical Park, the American Textile History Museum, the Tsongas Industrial History Center and more.

Wicked Good Ice will create a 5' x 10' ice wall on JFK Plaza where kids will be able to have their names carved during WinterFest weekend. There will also be tic tac snow and a corn hole game, both constructed from ice.

The 3rd annual Craft-Microbrew Showcase will be held on Friday night and feature over 20 American brewers, with the opportunity to continue tastings on Saturday at Club Celsius. There will be live music from noon - 5 on Saturday in Club Celsius.

To see everything that's taking place at WinterFest in Lowell visit www.lowellkidsweek.org.

CHILI COOK-OFF FUND RAISER FEBRUARY 22

Come one, come all. Help vote at the 6th annual Chili Cook-Off. First taste, then vote for Best and Hottest Chili.

The event takes place on Saturday February 22 at 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 523 Main Street in Woburn.

Adults \$10, children 12 and under \$4, 3 and under free. All proceeds will support the United Methodist Church and its programs.

Make and enter a Chili. No entry fee. Contact Sue Medeiros with any questions at 781-938-9342.

"SOMETHING'S AFOOT" AT STONEHAM THEATRE

Stoneham Theater presents "Something's Afoot" from Thursday, February 27 to Sunday, March 23 with performances Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

"Something's Afoot" is a musical mystery comedy where nine strangers gather in a remote mansion on a stormy night.

When the power goes out, the bridge is flooded, the butler is killed in a freak explosion, and the other guests start to die in mysterious ways it quickly becomes clear that "something's afoot."

For tickets call the Box Office at 781-279-2200 or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN NORTH READING

The African Children's Choir will be at the International Family Church, 99 Concord Street in North Reading on Sunday, February 23 at 9 and 11 a.m.

The Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances.

The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals and gospel favorites.

Free and open to all

FUNDRAISER FOR TEAM HOYT MARCH 1

A fundraiser is being held for the Team Hoyt Foundation on Saturday, March 1 from 7 - 11 p.m. The location is the Wakefield Elks, 63 Bay State Road in Lynnfield.

Dick Hoyt is the well known dad seen pushing his son Rick who has cerebral palsy in a wheelchair every year at the Boston Marathon.

Support the Hoyt Foundation and you have a 1/300 chance of winning \$10,000. Tickets are \$100 each and include admission for two people, open bar, food, live band, dancing and a chance to win \$10K. You do not have to be in attendance to win.

To purchase tickets call Tammy at 781-249-7218 or email tstapes@comcast.net. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

All of the proceeds go directly to the Hoyt Foundation with the exception of 10% which will be donated to the One Fund in honor of those who were lost or injured on April 15, 2013.

MOORE RECORDING LIVE AT LINDEN TREE

On Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. Kevin G. Moore will be recording his performance live at the Linden Tree Coffeehouse, 8 Dexters Lane in Wakefield.

Moore will record his new CD in the venue where he began his career via open-mic performances when he was a teen.

Now Kevin has been pleasing audiences with his wide range of vocals, guitar picking styles and original songs.

"A NIGHT OF BLUES" SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Blues for Veterans Association will again host "A Night of Blues" to benefit local Veterans on Saturday, February 22 at the George A. Campbell American Legion Post 101, Lexington

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The painting brought \$31,995 and had the second highest sales price of any painting during the company's recent \$4.7 million dollar auction event

Painting appraised in Woburn at free James D. Julia, Inc. valuation clinic sells for five figures

What's It Worth?

Fairfield, ME and Woburn, MA - James D. Julia, Inc., one of the nation's top ten antique auction houses, sold this charming and important painting during the company's February 2014 Annual Winter Antique, Asian & Fine Art event. The piece, which was discovered at a free walk-in antiques appraisal clinic at Julia's Woburn office, just goes to show that anyone may have a valuable treasure in their home, and the importance of professional appraisal services.

The painting, lot #1252, is called "Young Girl With Her Doll" and is by German artist Hedwig Mechle-Grossman. Its pre-auction estimate was \$5,000 to \$7,000. The piece portrays a little girl festively dressed in a white dress, hat, and party shoes. She is carrying an oversized blue fan and lady's gold colored pocket-book and is affectionately glancing down to her small doll that is also dressed for a celebration. The piece measures 16" by 12", and 22" by 18" overall, including its fine, gesso-decorated frame. The frame is detailed with name plaque and the work is signed in the upper left corner.

In addition to its outstanding sales price, the painting also has a heart-warming history. It was purchased many years ago by a New England couple vacationing in Boca Raton, FL. During their stay, their hotel was hosting an art

show and this piece was featured in the exhibit. The wife, an avid doll collector, fell in love with the painting and kept going back to see it on display. When the couple was getting ready to leave the hotel for the airport, the husband handed her a surprise package to carry onto the plane - the picture! It has been a beloved treasure and souvenir for them both since then. The couple decided to bring their treasure to Julia's and sell it at auction as they were downsizing - and wanted to make sure that it would end up in the hands of people who loved it as they did moving forward.

According to Martin Willis, Director of Decorative Arts for the Greater Boston Area, who took in the painting during a recent Julia's free walk in appraisal clinic in Woburn, "Appraisals are exciting because you never know what will appear next. It is always worth bringing any artwork or collectibles that you suspect have value to one of our clinics. It's totally free and you never know... your items could be worth four or five or even six figures! It does happen, and this wonderful story is absolute proof of that."

James D. Julia's Woburn, Massachusetts offers free walk-in verbal appraisal services each Wednesday from 10am to 3pm

About James D. Julia, Inc.: James D. Julia, one of the top ten antique auction antique houses in North America, is headquartered in Fairfield, Maine. The company also has an office in Woburn, Massachusetts.

In business for almost five decades, the company conducts high-end antique, collectible, and decorative arts auctions throughout the year.



Julia's has routinely establishes new world records through its sales events. The company consists of four key divisions, including rare firearms; fine and Asian art and antiques; lamps and glass; and important toy, dolls, and antique advertising. Each division is regarded for its excellence and is staffed with world-class specialists to insure fair and professional authentication, identification, and valuation services.

CALENDAR from S-2

Street at the 4 Corners in Woburn.

"We're bringing the Blues back to the Woburn area with Boston Blues Foundation Nominee, Best New debut Artist, Gracie Curran and the High Falutin' Band," announced band co-coordinator Bill Murray.

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Admission is \$10 pp. Space is limited. For tickets call Mike Dever at 781-354-2766 or email tickets@bluesforveterans.org.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ AND CHOCOLATE FEB. 22

The United Church of Christ, Congregational in Burlington will host the Sixth Annual Evening of Jazz and Chocolate on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 6 Lexington Street in Burlington.

Indulge in a sumptuous buffet of decadent homemade chocolate desserts while enjoying the sultry sounds of jazz vocalist Lydia Harrell, accompanied by pianist Steven Higgs.

Tickets for an Evening of Jazz and Chocolate can be reserved by calling 781-272-4547. The cost is \$15 per person.

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

LOOK, STOP, AND LISTEN

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

Search in Wilmington - MJ Byrnes, Julie Broussard, Leslee Quick, and Manny Mulas, all members of the Wilmington Superintendent Search Committee, met at the Roman House ... to discuss logistics and future plans to replace retiring Superintendent Joanne Benton," notes the Wilmington "Town Crier."

"The team has been working with Mike Gilbert, a Field Director at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

"According to Julie Broussard, they started as a subcommittee of three but have since become a full committee...

"The team is still in the process of putting together the committee, which will ultimately consist of three teachers, three parents, two municipal representatives, one person from the central office, one building administrator,

two community members, and a school committee member.

"They've reached out to the Senior Center, the general community via letters to the editor, the teachers' union, and the seven Parent Advisory Councils.

"Gilbert noted that William McAlduff, Joanne Benton's predecessor, also recently announced his retirement, which means that Winchester, the school district he runs, will be searching the same time as Wilmington. He said that the committee should keep that in mind.

"The deadline to submit a representation inquiry is February 24. Superintendent candidates must apply by March 7."

Food in Burlington - "In what must seem like a monthly occurrence for Burlington residents, the Planning Board unanimously approved Abbondanza, an Italian restaurant concept that will be located on 19 3rd Ave. as part of the Northwest Park expansion project," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"At its ... recent meeting, the board approved a special permit application by the Lyons Group to open the restaurant on 3rd Ave.

"As most people know by now, the 240-seat restaurant will be part of the 3rd Ave. development of high-end restaurants, stores, and housing that Nordblom, which controls the land, is creating in the business park.

"Abbondanza will occupy 6,000 square-feet of a planned 13,000-square-foot building. The restaurant will include a seasonal outdoor patio, in addition to a traditional full-service Italian restaurant concept.

"Senior Vice President of Development for the Nordblom Company Todd

Fremont-Smith expounded on what can be expected from Abbondanza.

"It is a chef-driven concept," he said. "With all these restaurants (on 3rd Ave.), we are looking for authenticity and a broad spectrum of menus, which Abbodanza provides..."

"At this point on 3rd Ave., the Nordblom Company's retail-walking street will be anchored by Wegmans and Kings, and it will be home to The Bancroft, Cambridge Savings Bank, Tony C's, Redstone American Grill, Boston Interiors, and Carter's Diamonds.

"... it is anticipated that Wegmans will open in November, The Bancroft and Kings will open this spring, and Tony C's and Abbodanza will open this summer.

"It was revealed that a \$250,000 water fountain is going to be part of the 3rd Ave. landscape..."

Negotiations in Winchester - "After nine months, the contract negotiating teams for the teachers' union and the School Committee have come to an agreement," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"However, ... word reached the School Department that the teachers voted not to ratify it. Despite this, School Committee members decided unanimously that they would ratify it"

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper or look on line for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," to schooltowns@comcast.net.

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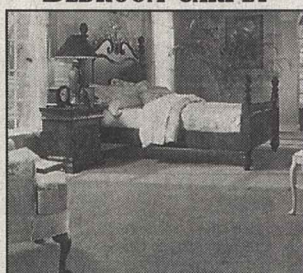
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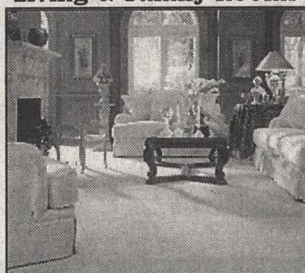
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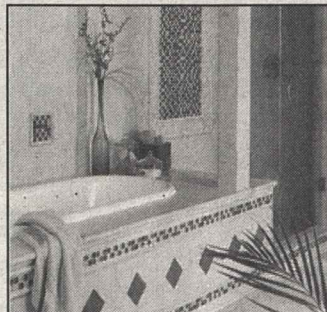


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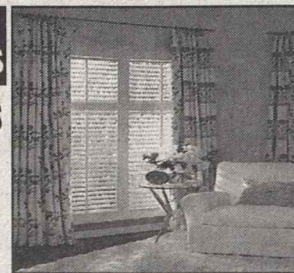


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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:

Name one of the two states that have never had a school participate in the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament.

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

• W H E E L O C K COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER MICHELLE WOODS (WILMINGTON, MA)

was named the New England Collegiate Conference Women's Basketball Rookie of the Week for the week of February 3-9.

The honor marks the fifth time that Woods has won the award this season - more than any other player in the league. The freshman also earned the accolade for the weeks of November 11-17, November 18-24, December 2-8 and January 20-26.

She becomes the first player in school history to earn league rookie of the week recognition more than once.

Woods averaged a double-double of 22.3 points and 12.0 rebounds in three games for the Wildcats, while handing out 2.7 assists, coming up with 1.7 steals and blocking 1.0 shots per game. She also shot 78.1% (25-32) from the free throw line. The five-foot, eight-inch center posted a double-double in each of the team's three games, while scoring at least 15 points in all of them. The rookie began the week by scoring 15 points, pulling down 14 rebounds, dishing out three assists and rejecting three shots in Wheelock's 52-41 victory over Newbury College on February 4. A graduate of Wilmington High School, Woods posted her second double-double of the week with 17 points and 10 rebounds at Fisher College on February 6 and capped the week with a school rookie-record 35 points on 11-20 from the floor and a perfect 13-13 from the line to set a new Wheelock standard for made free throws in a game on February 8 in the Wildcats' 88-83 overtime win over Southern Vermont College. She also added 12 rebounds and registered career-highs with five assists and five steals.

The post player has not only been one of the top rookies in the NECC this season, but also one of the best players. She has started 21 of 22 games this season for Wheelock and ranks

among the top 10 league leaders with 19.5 points (second), 9.7 rebounds (third), and 0.73 blocks per game (eighth) as well first with a school-record 128 total free throws made and sixth with a 72.3% (128-177) free throw percentage. In addition, Woods leads the Wildcats with a 41% (150-367) field goal mark and has set school records for points (430) and field goals made (150) in a season. She is also second for Wheelock with 27 steals. An elementary, special education major, Woods has been the team's most dependable scorer, netting 11 or more points in all but one game this season, including 10 efforts with 21 or more. She also leads the team with 10 double-doubles on the year. Woods has scored 28 points or more three times this and her 35-point effort vs. Southern Vermont was the second-most in a game by a Wildcats player in school annals. In addition to her season records for points, field goals and free throws at Wheelock, Woods also ranks fourth on the school's single-season list with 214 rebounds and ninth with 16 blocks. Woods has also been named the New England Women's Basketball Association Rookie of the Week as well as the Eastern College Athletic Conference Co-Player of the Week this season.

•Need some help with the trivia question? The states begin with A and M.

•Junior Robert Allen (Cranston, R. I.) continued his assault on the UMass Lowell record book and nearly ran the school's first sub-four minute mile at the BU David Hemery Valentine Invitational, at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center.

"He's fearless, he's tough," said UMass Lowell Head Coach Gary Gardner. "If he'd had anybody on the track to help him, to push him he would have run mile in under four minutes."

Allen crossed the finish line in a time of 4-minutes 00.35-seconds surpassing his own school record of 4:02.58 established just two weeks ago. At the time Allen had told his coach he "could run faster" and he did.

The run put Allen in tenth place in a field of 307 competitors.

Englishman Roger Banister ran the first sub-

four minute mile in 1954. Since then many others have broken the four minute barrier, but nearly 60 years later it remains the iconic standard for middle distance runners. It is a mark that Gardner believes Allen will break.

"Everything has to work just right, but he's capable of doing it," said Gardner. "He's extremely fit and really, really, tough and he's not afraid of anybody."

Allen run was one of several top notch UMass Lowell

performances as several River Hawks turned in personal bests.

The UMass Lowell 4x400meter relay team finished 8th in a field of 54 teams. The combination of senior Tunde Ogunleye (Fitchburg, Mass.), **SENIOR RYAD BENCHEIKH (WOBURN, MASS.)**, freshman Nicholas Powers (Albany, N. Y.) and senior Casey O'Brien (Seekonk, Mass.) finished with a time of 3:18.38.

•The No. 7 ranked River Hawks hockey team skated to a 2-2 tie at Boston University at Agganis Arena in Hockey East play.

With the tie, UMass Lowell moves to 18-7-3 overall (8-4-2 HEA), while Boston University holds

with an 8-15-4 record and a 3-8-3 record in conference action.

With 2:08 to play in overtime, sophomore defenseman Christian Folin (Gothenburg, Sweden) made a great wrap around bid on Matt O'Connor, but he denied the shot with his right pad. With under four minutes left in regulation, the River Hawks had sustained pressure in their offense zone with three shots on goal in a span of about 45 seconds.

Senior Derek Arnold (Foxboro, Mass.) opened the scoring in the game 11 minutes into the first period, as he beat BU goalie Matt O'Connor short side on a cross slot pass from Michael Fallon (Glenview, Ill.). Freshman defenseman

Michael Kapla (Eau Claire, Wis.) was also credited with an assist on the Arnold goal, which was his second goal in his last three games. Senior forward Josh Holmstrom (Colorado Springs, Col.) registered the second goal of the contest for the River Hawks with 1:08 left in the first period. It marked the first goal in the last 10 games for Holmstrom.

Arnold and **SENIOR FORWARD JOSEPH P E N D E N Z A (WILMINGTON, MASS.)** finished with a team-high five shots apiece in the tie for UMass Lowell.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The states are Alaska and Maine.

Population From S-1

Town: Tewksbury
2010 Census Population: 28,961
Population Projection 2015: 28,842
Population Projection 2020: 28,938
Population Projection 2025: 29,010
Population Projection 2030: 28,815

Town: Wakefield
2010 Census Population: 24,932
Population Projection 2015: 25,205
Population Projection 2020: 25,718
Population Projection 2025: 26,029
Population Projection 2030: 26,179

Town: Wilmington
2010 Census Population: 22,325
Population Projection 2015: 22,677
Population Projection 2020: 23,321
Population Projection 2025: 23,880
Population Projection 2030: 24,329

Town: Winchester
2010 Census Population: 21,374
Population Projection 2015: 20,826
Population Projection 2020: 20,520
Population Projection 2025: 20,459
Population Projection 2030: 20,776

City: Woburn
2010 Census Population: 38,120
Population Projection 2015: 38,797
Population Projection 2020: 39,987
Population Projection 2025: 40,723
Population Projection 2030: 40,877

These are the first statewide, detailed population projections to be released publicly since 2003, according

to the Donahue Institute.

The following are among the study's most significant findings:

•The population aged 65 and over will increase by over half a million (548,699) people, changing from 14 percent of the state's total population in 2010 to 21 percent by 2030.

•At the opposite end, the population aged 19 and under is expected to decrease by 84,000 people, changing from 25 percent of the state population to just 22 percent by 2030.

•Some areas of the state, including the Greater Boston, central, and MetroWest regions, are predicted to grow at rates well above the state average, while others, including regions in western Massachusetts, are expected to remain nearly level or even lose population if recent trends in migration, fertility and mortality continue.

Secretary of State William Galvin requested the report, and his office supported its development.

"This data will be a critical basis for thinking and planning by state and local officials as they look at where Massachusetts can be over the coming two decades," Galvin said.

The report includes the Middlesex East area and its communities in the Greater Boston Region. The following is the summary for that region, as written up in the report:

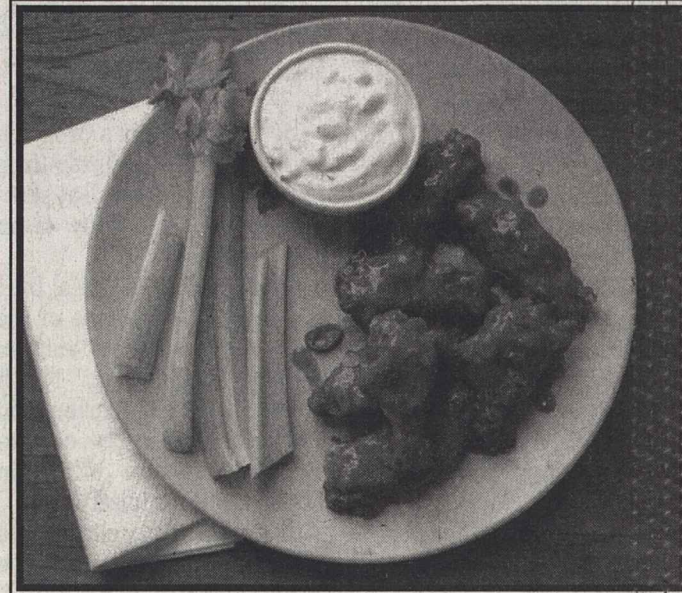
The Greater Boston region is the major employment and population center of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It covers the entirety of Suffolk County, and extends into portions of Middlesex, Norfolk, and Essex counties. There are 36 municipalities in the Greater Boston region, including the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Quincy and Newton.

Long-term forecasts predict a steady increase in the Greater Boston population over the next 20 years, adding nearly 150,000 additional residents between 2010 and 2030. Population change in the Greater Boston region is driven by migration—particularly by young adults moving into the area. Population growth will be fastest in the next few years as the swell of millennials (the children of the baby boom generation) moves into and through their twenties. The region tends to lose residents to out-migration as they move through the family-building and retirement phases of life. Therefore, report organizers expect population growth to slow in the 2020s as the millennials age into their thirties and early forties and more baby boomers enter their sixties and seventies. However, the region's population will continue to grow during this time - albeit at a slower pace—as international immigration and steady increases in births will more than offset population loss associated with domestic out-migration and a slight increase in the number of resident deaths.

Weekly Feature

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Championship Buffalo Wings



Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Kealoha entered these classic, medium-hot, crisp and tender wings in the National Buffalo Wing Festival "Amateur Traditional Sauce" competition in Buffalo, N.Y.—and won. If you want to tone down the heat, cut the number of chilies in half.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Make blue cheese dressing: In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together until combined. Place in the refrigerator to chill.

2. Make Buffalo sauce: Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant, 3-4 minutes. Add bell peppers and chilies and sauté 5 minutes. Pour in Frank's sauce and bring to a simmer. Add celery salt and Cholula sauce and let simmer, stirring occasionally, 15 minutes more. Add honey mustard and let simmer, stirring occasionally, until sauce reduces by about 10%, 15 minutes more. Set aside.

3. Fry wings: Heat oil to 375 degrees in a medium pot over medium-high heat, using a thermometer to monitor temperature. Working in batches of four or five, fry wings in oil, flipping once halfway through cooking, until golden brown all over, 8-10 minutes. Remove chicken with slotted spoon and transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate.

4. Add wings to Buffalo sauce and toss to coat. Serve wings with celery sticks and blue cheese dressing.

Ingredients

Total Time: 2 hours
Serves: 8-10

For the creamy blue-cheese dressing:

- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ cup parsley, finely chopped
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon white vinegar
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the Buffalo sauce:

- 2 sticks butter
- 15 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- ¼ bell pepper, finely chopped
- 6 chilies (use a variety: habanero, serrano, jalapeño), finely chopped

- 1 23-ounce bottle Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Sauce

- 1 teaspoon celery salt

- Dash Cholula Hot Sauce

- 1 tablespoon honey mustard

For the chicken wings:

- 32 ounces vegetable oil

- 3 dozen chicken wings, room temperature, rinsed and patted dry

- Celery sticks, for serving

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New rules for LATCH system and bigger kids

For years, the LATCH system standard for vehicles has been the preferred method of safely securing infant and child safety seats into a car. But the LATCH system many parents have grown accustomed to is changing. A new law says it is safer to stop using LATCH with car seats that cater to older, heavier kids.

LATCH, which is an acronym for Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children, is a system of restraints built directly into the seats and frames of vehicles. The LATCH system was introduced by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as a new child restraint securement system in 1999 in response to the challenges posed with seatbelt installation of child safety seats. The system has been available in many vehicle models since 2000. With LATCH, the child safety seat attaches to two anchors imbedded in the seats of the car as well as another anchor point located on the rear shelf, seat back, cargo area, or ceiling of the vehicle when used with forward-facing seats. Many safety seats come equipped with LATCH straps that are compatible to the LATCH system in the vehicle.

While the LATCH system has helped maintain the safety of young passengers for more than 10 years, newer safety seats that accommodate larger children could be pushing the LATCH system boundaries. Lower anchors of the LATCH system take the majority of the force in a crash, and many are currently rated to restrain a seat and child with a combined weight of 65 pounds. There is not yet significant evidence to suggest the anchors will hold up in a crash with a heavier seat/child combo. When the LATCH system was developed, many child safety seats maxed out at a 30-pound passenger limit.

Various health and safety organizations have deemed it safer to keep children in harnessed safety seats longer before moving them to belted booster seats, which has propelled the industry to develop seats that can hold older, heavier children. However, whether the LATCH system can handle the larger seats is largely unknown.

As a result, drivers who have a child and a car seat that together weigh more than 65 pounds are urged to stop using the LATCH system to secure the safety seat into the car and rely on the vehicle's seat belts instead. The new law was put into effect in the United States in February 2014 and may be adopted elsewhere as time goes on.

Using the car's seat belts may require a refresher course in safety and how to route the belts properly. Refer to your vehicle owner's manual as well as the instruction guide provided with the child safety seat. Seat belts will need to be fully extended and "locked" before they can be routed through the safety seat. Drivers are advised to still use the top tether of the LATCH system to further secure the head of the safety seat.

Drivers unsure about regulations can consult with their pediatricians and have child safety seat installation checked at various police stations, fire stations and first aid buildings.



Demystifying colonoscopies

Among cancers that affect both men and women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify colorectal cancer as the third most common cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States.

Thousands of people receive a colorectal cancer diagnosis every year, but screening can help save lives. However, some people fear the screening process even more than the reality of cancer. A typical physical involves numerous tests, and while many are unpleasant, few elicit such strong negative feelings as a colonoscopy. A colonoscopy remains one of the best methods of examining areas of the rectum, colon and other parts of the intestinal tract to detect abnormalities that indicate diseases such as cancer. According to the Mayo Clinic, a colonoscopy should become part of routine checkups by age 50 in patients without a family history of colon abnormalities. Doctors may advise earlier screenings for those at higher risk.

A colonoscopy can be awkward, but it is a common procedure that is relatively safe. Understanding the process can alleviate some patients' trepidation. Your doctor will describe in detail what can be expected, as it may vary from practitioner to practitioner. The following is a rundown of what people can expect when receiving a colonoscopy.

Preparation

Some have described colonoscopy preparation as the most unpleasant part of the procedure. In order to provide clear images of the interior of the colon, the colon needs to be completely empty. To achieve this, your doctor will prescribe a solution that will empty the bowels thoroughly. This solution is consumed over a certain period of time prior to the procedure and will draw fluid into the colon to expel stool. Patients will need to stay near a bathroom after consuming the solution, and this prep work may be repeated on the morning of the procedure.

In addition to the beverage, you will be advised to eat a clear diet for 24 hours before the procedure. This means only clear broths and fluids. Solid food is not allowed. Again, this is to ensure that the laxative does its job and there will be no obstructions in the colon.

Day of procedure

The majority of colonoscopy procedures are performed when the patient is under anesthesia. Therefore, patients will need to bring a friend or relative along to the medical center to drive or escort them home once the procedure is finished.

Gastroenterologists typically perform the colonoscopy in a hospital or outpatient center. The anesthesiologist will meet with the patient to explain his or

her role in the procedure. The doctor will once again explain the procedure, which involves the insertion of a flexible camera into the anus, to patients. The scope will travel through the colon slowly, looking for any abnormalities.

Patients can expect to lie on their sides on a gurney during the procedure. Patients will be hooked to an intravenous line and various monitors will keep track of their pulse and oxygen levels. Once the anesthesia is administered, patients will quickly drift off, and this is when the doctor will begin. After the procedure has been performed, many people do not remember it and experience no pain.

Because air is pumped into the colon to help the scope move unencumbered, patients can expect to feel

some bloating and gas, but this should abate over time. Once the grogginess has worn off, you will be allowed to go home and enjoy a large lunch and fill your empty stomach.

Follow-up

The gastroenterologist may discuss the results of the colonoscopy right after the procedure or schedule a follow-up appointment a few days after. Patients will be provided with ongoing care information and recommendations to improve colon health. A diet that includes more full-grain fiber may be recommended.

Although a colonoscopy may not be an enjoyable procedure, it is vital to maintain health and a valuable tool for screening for cancer and other diseases.

The danger of smoking while driving

Using a cell phone, texting and drinking alcoholic beverages are all activities that can lead to fines or arrest if done while in a moving vehicle. But in some areas, it is already illegal or may soon be, to smoke in a vehicle if in the presence of children.

Since 2006, several communities across North America have implemented laws to prevent smoking in cars when children are present, and campaigns for smoke-free car laws are poised to continue.

The public has become increasingly aware that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke, includes the smoke that a smoker exhales and the smoke that comes from burning tobacco products. Thousands of toxic chemicals are present in secondhand smoke, including formaldehyde, lead, butane, cyanide, and carbon monoxide. These dangerous chemicals can be inhaled and tend to linger in the air for

hours or longer. Smoke residue also clings to a smoker's body and hair and can even surface inside of a home or vehicle, according to The Mayo Clinic.

Asthma, heart disease and cancer may result from contact with secondhand smoke. When someone smokes within the small enclosed space of a car, passengers are exposed to air that is many times more toxic than what the EPA considers hazardous air quality, even if a window is down. What's more, the particulates of tobacco smoke that are absorbed in the upholstery off-gas back into the air even after many days have passed, exposing riders to toxins well beyond when someone smoked in the car.

The developing bodies of children and their small stature put youngsters at risk for greater complications from cigarette smoke, although any passenger is at risk.

Laws vary depending on location and typically apply to children ages 16 and under.

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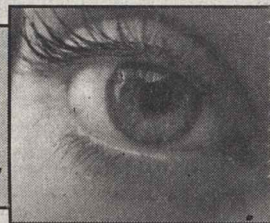


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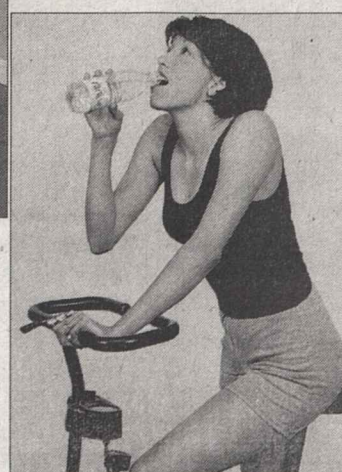
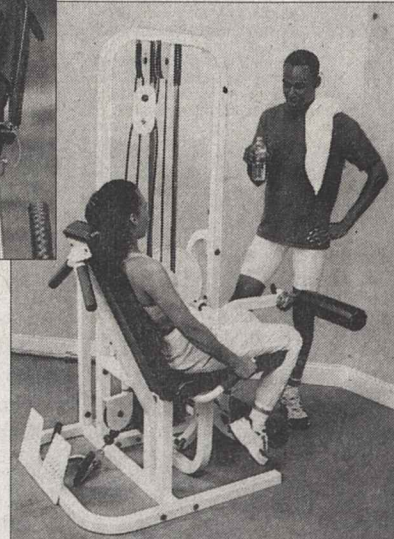
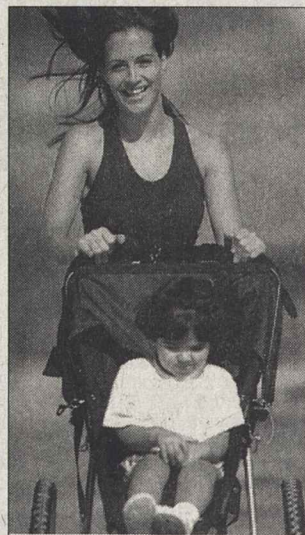
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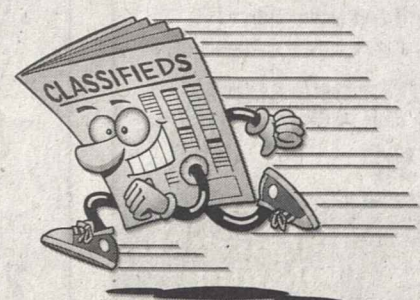
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Salary Range: \$32,400-\$40,000

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Essential Functions: Duties listed below are some, but not all, of the type of work performed: omission of duties does not exclude them from the position if work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

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Transfers From S-8

Jenkins by Paul D & Michele M McCarthy for \$375,000
605 SUMMER AVE #2-62 was sold to Doreen A Reidy by Richard W Goodspeed for \$175,000
605 SUMMER AVE #3-35 was sold to Jarrod R Cohen by Ritchie FT & Kimberly A Whooley for \$250,000
57 VILLAGE ST was sold to Michael J Barry by RKACO LLC for \$599,900

-STONEHAM-

14 CHARLES ST was sold to Daniel J Kraby & Maria L Fama-Kraby by Gary S Rook for \$325,000
2 GOULD ST #4 was sold to Ryan Lunde & Nicole Beaupre by Tara L Konaxis for \$200,000
26 HIGHLAND AVE was sold to RKACO LLC by Dennis Bain & Ann L Kilroy for \$170,000
159 MAIN ST #5A was sold to Alison K Melkonian by Mark J & Claire E Melkonian for \$198,000
559 MAIN ST #A was sold to Melissa A Cassarino by Rebecca Kulah for \$325,900
1 PERKINS ST was sold to Anamika Verma & Vinod Vathepadiekal by Mary Anne Odonnell Est & Sue E Odonnell for \$380,500
21 SUMMERHILL ST was sold to US Bank NA by Dennis J Mceleney & US Bank NA for \$350,481

-TEWKSBURY-

15 JOHN ST was sold to Paul B & Marjory A Moulaison by Paul B & Marjory A Moulaison for \$150,000
29 KENSINGTON WAY #59 was sold to Leo J Lamontagne & Meghan J Odonnell by Bella Woods LLC for \$401,940
47 MERRIMACK MEADOWS LN #47 was sold to Brian Oconnell by Amy Savignano for \$214,500
341 PLEASANT ST was sold to Curtis Dracka & Tricia May-Dracka by Norma Bowring RT & Norma G Bowring for \$335,000
16 SAINT MARYS RD was sold to Brian J Hamilton by Ann Garvy for \$275,000
41 VIRGINIA RD was sold to Andrew R & Lynore A Giroux by Danielle Tholen for \$312,000
222 WILLIAM G DR was sold to Brendan S & Lauren E Leary by Lawrene F Army for \$380,000
8 WOODCREST DR was sold to Salvatore J & Jennifer N Gabriello by Calvin H Belbin Est & Andrea J Belbin for \$365,000

-WAKEFIELD-

36 AVON ST was sold to John A Christoforo IRA & Pensco T Co by Pensco T Co for \$186,383
210 BLUE JAY CIR #2 was sold to Ramkumar Ramamirtham & Nalini V Rangaswamy by Surabh Anand & Gitanjali Srivastava for \$470,000
61 EUNICE CIR was sold to Albert Dizoglio by JT & V McCullough RET & Elaine M McCormack for \$365,000
101 HOPKINS ST was sold to Darlene A Langley by Legacy Park Wakefield 1 for \$429,000
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132 NEW SALEM ST was sold to Timothy Cochran & Nadire Ramadan by LMACK Corp for \$398,000
50 OAK ST #50 was sold to 35 Boston Street LLC by Hilary Rogers for \$140,000
217 PLEASANT ST was sold to Kevin & Jennifer L Palmer by Michael J & Cathy A Boyages for \$412,500
68 PRESTON ST #6A was sold to Richard L Cragen by Thomas P Hanlon for \$190,000
9 TRAVERSE ST was sold to Garrett T & Lisa F Schek by Chimney Hill Real Est for \$419,900

-WILMINGTON-

4 ADAMS ST was sold to Robert E Moreau & Nanda F Miccoli by Albert H Mills & Patricia M Normandin for \$300,000
67 BURLINGTON AVE was sold to Jonathan S Crowe by Edward J & Rebecca J Marr for \$365,000
12 COCHRANE RD was sold to Damon E Chilinski by Jill M Nardone for \$260,000
17 FAIRMEADOW RD was sold to Verissimo & Ren S Pimentel by John L Quinn Jr Est & Kathleen L Powers for \$296,000
3 FRANKLIN AVE was sold to Christopher & Carol J Neville by Rachel E Stanchi for \$495,000
8 GREAT NECK DR was sold to Sean M Mccue & Brittany R Gendron by J C & Carol J Neville for \$565,000
1 LLOYD RD was sold to Ann M Garvey & Jennifer M Amoyt by MPJ Properties LLC for \$535,000
133 SALEM ST was sold to Nicholas J Cipriano by Salem Street RT & Julianne Mullane for \$367,100

-WINCHESTER-

38 FELLS RD was sold to Farshad B Kermanshahi & Alanna E Colton by Amy Lidstone & Finbar Daly-Fleming for \$690,000
101 HIGHLAND AVE was sold to Julie Coulton by Cook Bleye FT & Henry J Curtis for \$680,000
91 HIGHLAND AVE was sold to Krystian & Sarah Macek by Laura J Sadowski for \$600,000
5 SPRUCE ST #5 was sold to Arun Balasubramaniam & Soumya Ganapathy by Maurizio Voi & Dee Shen for \$599,900
44 SYLVESTER AVE #44 was sold to Michael & Denise Vosseller by Carl & Danielle Slater for \$662,000
25 YALE ST was sold to Dedham Development LLC by Priscilla J Joynt for \$906,000

-WOBURN-

27 ARLINGTON RD #16 was sold to Alexia Malouf by Paradis FT & Susan M Pazzano for \$208,000
18 EDGEHILL RD was sold to Stephen Luzzo by George A & Marjorie J Thompson for \$342,000
3 MAYWOOD TER was sold to US Bank NA Tr by Michael P Carney & US Bank NA for \$296,267

-LYNNFIELD-

345 CHESTNUT ST was sold to Michelle P Greene by Susan S Copelas for \$699,900

Theatre From S-2

mansion on a stormy night. When the power goes out, the bridge is flooded, the butler is killed in a freak explosion, and the other guests start to die in mysterious ways, it quickly becomes clear that "something's afoot."

Stoneham Theatre favorites Margaret Ann Brady* (The Full Monty), John Davin* (The Porch), Russell Garrett* (42nd Street), Kathy St. George*

(Dear Miss Garland), Stephanie Granade (Thoroughly Modern Millie), Mark Linehan* (Lumberjacks in Love), Andrew Oberstein (The Full Monty), Nick Sulfaro (Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde), and Ceit Zweil (The Dinosaur Musical) are making Something's Afoot feel like something of a family affair. Boston-area actor J.T. Turner joins them, making his Stoneham Theatre debut. "From the first rehearsal, the cast already had a great

rapport," Lowans added.

Something's Afoot opens Thursday, February 27, 2014 and runs through Sunday, March 23, 2014. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8:00pm, Saturdays at 3:00pm and 8:00pm and Sundays at 2:00pm. There is a post-show talkback after the Sunday, March 2nd performance. For tickets, call the Stoneham Theatre Box Office at (781) 279-2200, or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org.

Sampler

From S-8

windowed and has a pellet stove. A circular staircase there leads upstairs to the luxurious master suite.

Amenities in the Timberfield's vaulted master suite include a fireplace, a balcony, and two huge walk-in closets. The naturally bright bathroom has a walk-in show-

er, twin vanities, and a fully enclosed toilet. Several large storage closets and a large exercise or bonus room are next to the suite.

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A western wrinkle on eminent domain

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — The view from the deck of the small, century-old cabin was a dream come true for Andy and Ceil Barrie — a sweeping panorama of 13,000 and 14,000-foot peaks towering above the forest of centuries-old bristlecone pines.

It convinced the couple to buy a 3-bedroom home in a subdivision below, where they could live year-round, and the 10-acre parcel surrounding the cabin in the midst the White River National Forest.

Now the county government, alarmed that the couple drives their ATV up a 1.2-mile old mining road to the cabin, wants to take the Barrie's land — and it's doing so by claiming eminent domain. Rather than using the practice of government seizure of private property to promote economic development, the county is using it to preserve open space.

The move shocked the Barries. They have allowed hikers to travel through their property, had no plans to develop the land and were negotiating with the county at the time it moved to condemn the property.

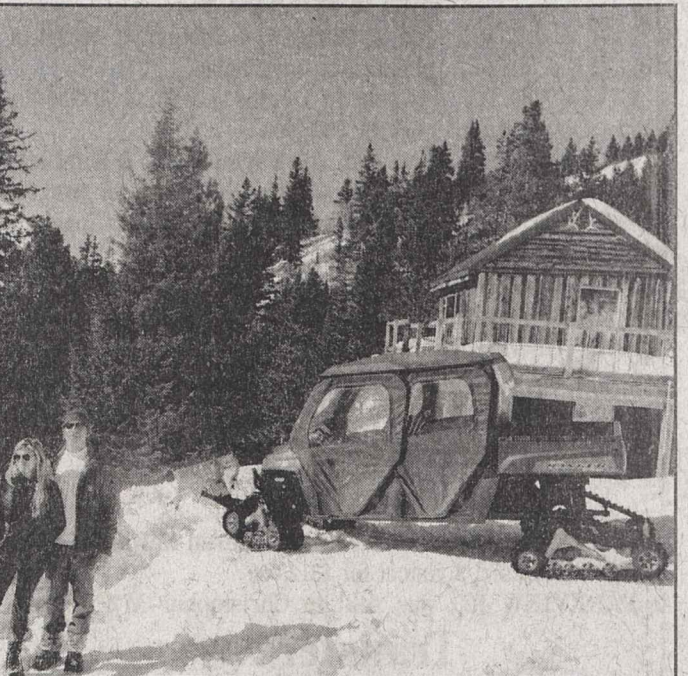
Open space "is all it's ever been," said Andy Barrie. "I feel like I can't trust my government."

Summit County Attorney Jeff Huntley said the county had to act after the Barries insisted on being able to use motorized transport to get to the cabin. "People in this community are very intent on preserving the back country," he said.

Experts in eminent domain say it's rare for governments to use that power to create parks or open space.

"It's not that you can't do it, but they don't do it much," said Dana Berliner, who was co-counsel in the 2005 U.S. Supreme Court case upholding the constitutionality of eminent domain. "There's typically other ways of doing open space than just taking land."

But in Colorado, where picturesque mountain towns are bursting with tourists and second-home-owners, and outdoor recreation is the state religion, there have been a few instances of cities deciding to confiscate land to preserve it.



ANDY AND CEIL BARRIE stand for a photo next to their mining cabin near Breckenridge, Colo. Summit County wants to condemn 10 acres of land that belongs to the Barrie's through the controversial power of eminent domain. (AP Photo/Nicholas Riccardi)

The most significant was when Telluride in 2004 seized 572 acres that the owner wanted to develop along the San Miguel River and left it as open space. The state Supreme Court upheld the confiscation, saying that especially overcrowded mountain towns need to preserve their recreational and natural assets.

Breckenridge is the prototypical Colorado ski town that attracts hordes of ski bums, tourists and residents because of its position at the foot of the sweeping Tenmile range, swaddled in preserved land.

Among those it lured are the Barries, who run a firm that provides Christmas wreaths to nonprofits and have a residence in the Chicago suburbs.

The couple came to Colorado annually on golf trips with some of Andy's old high school pals.

On a 2011 journey, Ceil met friends in Breckenridge and found a restored cabin nestled in a woody subdivision just outside the town boundaries. It was a century-old property built on top of a creek that one could watch burble below through a transparent floor in the master bedroom. And it was for sale along with 10 acres just up the ridgeline.

The Barries stayed there

that summer and hiked up the county open space trail on the old mining road behind the lower house, through the national forest, to the old cabin at tree line.

The view won them over. They decided to sell their second home on a Wisconsin lake and buy the lower and upper property in a package deal for \$550,000. The transaction closed in late 2011 and came with a converted All-Terrain vehicle they could use to drive up the road in the winter.

That's when the trouble began.

The U.S. Forest Service told the Barries they couldn't use a motorized vehicle on the road to access their 10 acres, which float like an island in the 2.1 million acres of the White River National Forest.

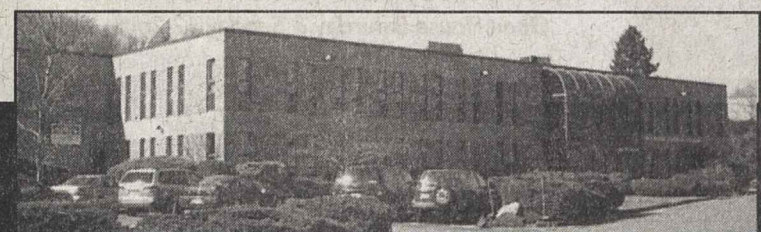
The Barries countered that they had a legal right to traverse the old road and prepared a court challenge. Summit County contacted the Barries and asked to buy the land. The Barries said it wasn't for sale.

The county commissioners voted to condemn the property on Oct. 25, endorsing a staff report that found that "public motorized access" to the property could damage the alpine tundra and streams, as well as habitat for the endangered lynx.

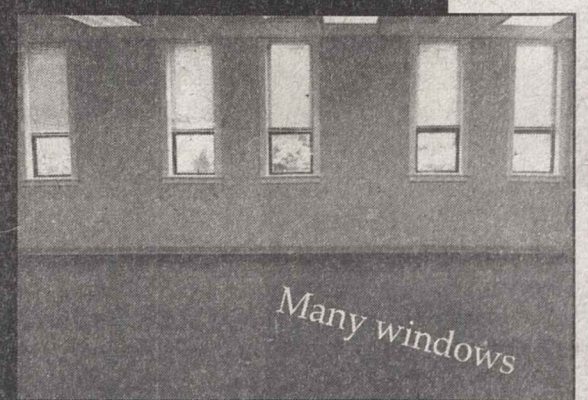
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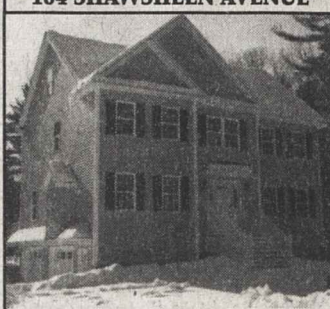
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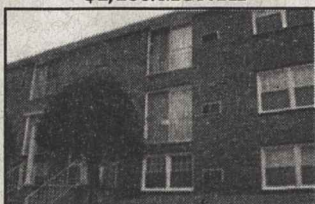
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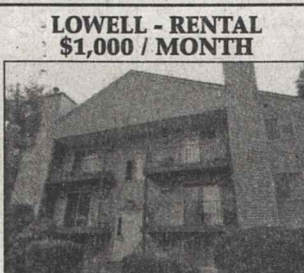


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-NORTH READING-

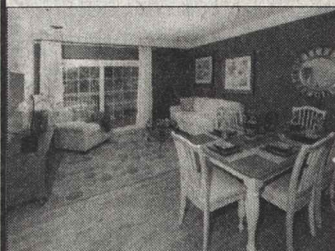
5 CASTLE RD was sold to Daniel P & Jacquelyn M Quinn by Ronald F & Joyce M Ferrazzani for \$715,000
24 DOGWOOD LN was sold to Dennis J & Ilona T Garvin by Menee Development LLC for \$685,000
6 HILLVIEW RD was sold to Raymond J & Kimberly S Kolodziejczak by Kimberly RT & Carol S Keating for \$530,000
2 LAKESIDE BLVD was sold to Kathleen & Emilio Giorgione by Elena J Woychowski for \$240,000
13 MOUNT VERNON ST was sold to Daren & Annamaria Mini by Marcia Noseworthy & R W Noseworthy-Williams for \$430,000
14 PINE RIDGE RD was sold to David & Erin Jenkins by James R & Rosalie A Senior for \$440,000
15 SUSAN DR was sold to William P & Elyse M Manning by Daniel P & Jacquelyn M Quinn for \$445,000

-READING-

57 AUGUSTUS CT #7-1009 was sold to Karen Karpinski by Anne C Rich & Leonard J Gricci for \$312,000
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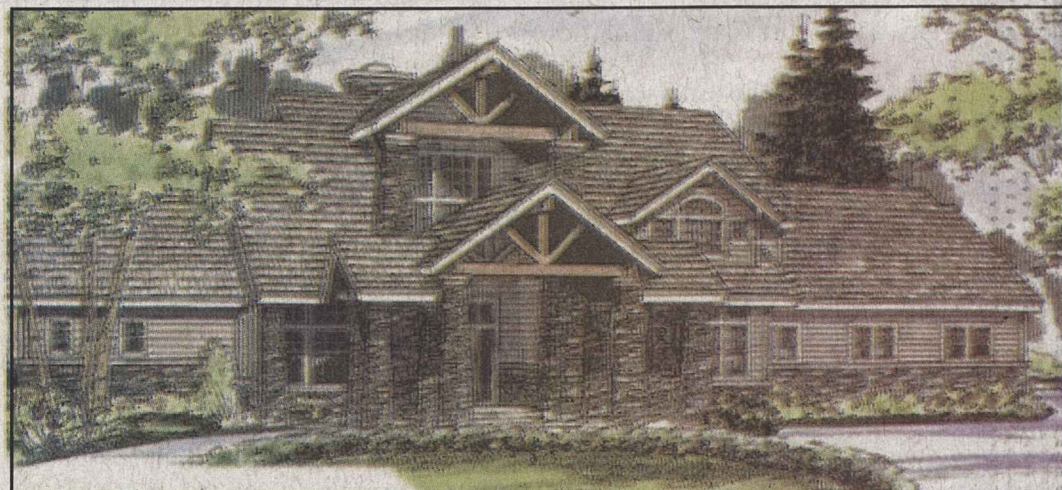
Straight ahead, an open bridge overlooks the foyer and the vaulted great room beyond. To the right, an arched opening leads to a powder room and another set of double doors that provide access to an elegant formal dining room.

The Timberfield's vaulted great room is great in every sense of the word. At the far end, transoms crown atrium doors that flank a traditional stone fireplace. More natural light washes in through yet another set of wide windows higher up on that same wall.

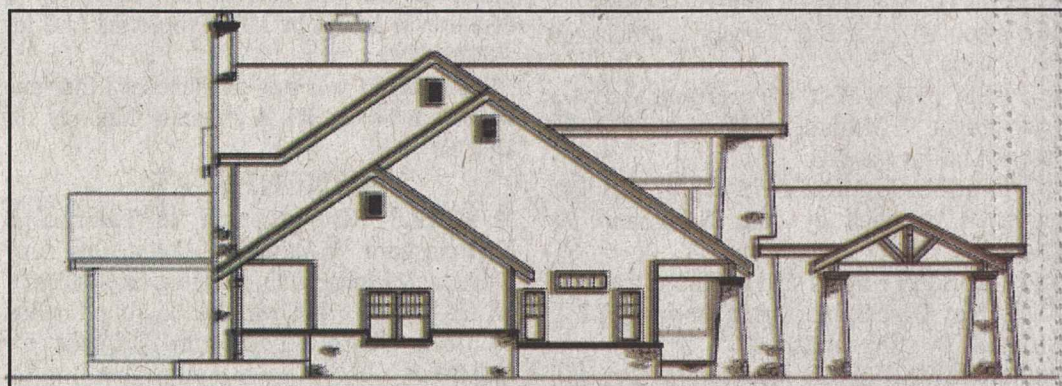
Standing at the kitchen sink, you face into the great room, though the spacious kitchen is not entirely open to it. A T-shaped work island houses the dishwasher, a vegetable sink and a long, two-sided raised eating bar. The informal family room is richly

Sampler to S-7

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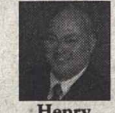
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